PNP signature experts stand by 'Jose Pidal' findings

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DID Sen. Gregorio Honasan go through the Magapit bridge, the country's only suspension bridge in Gataran, Cagayan province to get to its capital Tuguegarao City? There, civilian witnesses said they saw and even posed for pictures with the senator. But police officials said Gringo sightings were unconfirmed. BOY CABRIDO

GMA defends Iglesia

We're not hiding Honasan, claims Iglesia ni Cristo

By Juliet Javellana, Arlyn dela Cruz and Estanislao Caldez, *PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

THE GOVERNMENT does not suspect the Iglesia ni Cristo of harboring Sen. Gregorio Honasan, President Macapagal-Arroyo was quick to come to the defense of the politically influential religious sect.

"I do not believe the INC would harbor any fugitive from justice. The INC has been a close and consistent partner of the government in upholding the rule of law, as well as in the pursuit of peace and development," the President said in a statement.

INC spokesperson Bienvenido C. Santiago also said, "We are not hiding Sen. Gregorio Honasan."

In a statement, Santiago said that "The Iglesia ni Cristo has not and will never allow its central office to become the hiding place for those who are wanted by the authorities."

The President and Santiago were reacting to a story in the INQUIRER published on Saturday, which reported that based on an intelligence assessment document the opposition senator was using an INC compound in Culiat, Quezon City dubbed the Pentagon Room as his "command post."

The INC denied that such a room exists inside the central office saying, "The INC compound is dedicated to the service and worship of God. We hold sacred all activities done inside the INC central office and any suggestion of any kind in-

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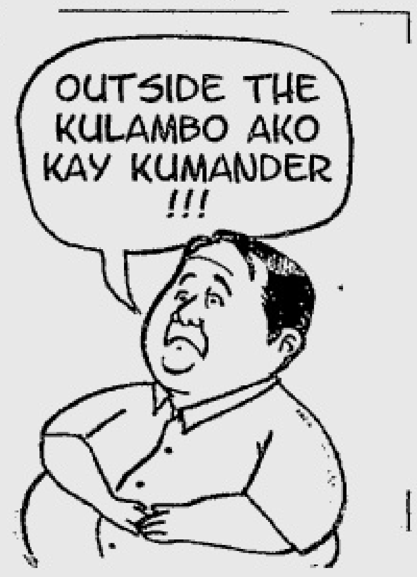
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Mike A doesn't mind twisting in the wind

By Juliet Labog-Javellana

IN other words, and believe it or not, he is not taking it personally.

First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo yesterday said he "fully" understood his wife's disposition to leave him alone to face the latest round of corruption charges against him.

On Friday, in her speech at the Philippine Military Academy in Baguio City, President Macapagal-Arroyo said "Mike" could not

MIKE/ A14

GMA at PMA: No meeting with Trillanes wife

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—If President Macapagal-Arroyo and Army Capt. Arlene Orejana-Trillanes, wife of Magdalo group spokesperson Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV, never got the chance to meet eye to eye, blame it on a protective Philippine Military Academy.

Orejana-Trillanes, a mathematics instructor at the PMA, was allowed to blend unnoticed among the uniformed military officers at the academy's Victor Lim Hall as they stood in rows waiting to welcome the President Friday night.

Orejana-Trillanes appeared relieved when the President walked by without giving her a glance, and even more so when she was allowed to go home by Col. Tadeo Claravall, dean of the PMA Corps of Professors.

The INQUIRER learned that Orejana-

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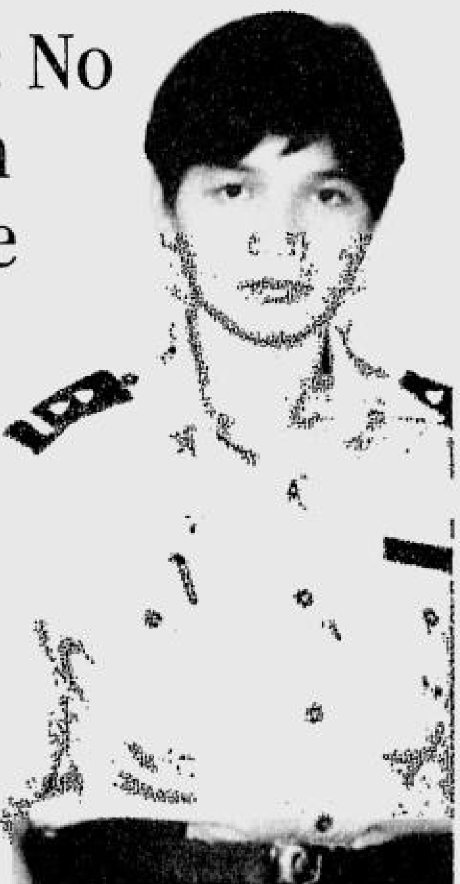

CAPT. ARLENE OREJANA-TRILLANES: Protected by her "mistahs" from the glare of media and President Macapagal.

VINCENT CABREZA/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

New RP-made, red carpet to be rolled out for Bush

By Fe Zamora
INQ7.net

IF THE weavers deliver on schedule, a huge red carpet with the seal of the Republic of the Philippines will welcome United States President George W. Bush when he walks into Malacañang Palace come October.

Sources said the Palace was getting a brand new set of red carpets to replace the ones that had faded, and had been re-dyed, through the years.

Centerpiece will be a huge carpet with the seal, similar to the carpet in the White House that bears the seal of the US. This will be installed at the Palace reception hall on the second floor.

The Palace itself will get a good scrubbing and will then be refurbished to its US colonial times glory.

Kalayaan Hall, which served as executive building during the American regime, is being restored according to the original blueprint recovered from the archives of the Department of Public Works and Highways.

Nothing has been left to speculation. Designs on silverware marking every administration are being reproduced. Lamps, chandeliers and grills are being shined and fixed using authentic parts, if possible. Even inscriptions on the flagpole marker are being checked for historical accuracy.

Chairs—some dating back to the Spanish governor-generals' era—have been sent to period furniture maker Tom Adriano for re-upholstery, according to

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After 49 years, Sin is full of memories

By Blanche S. Rivera

AFTER 49 years in the priesthood, Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin has a life full of memories and a room full of mementos.

The precious stuff—from his grades at the seminary to name tags at Vatican conclaves, from a painting given by a president to plaques presented by the poor—accounts for 75 percent of the collection at the Archdiocese of Manila's museum and archives.

Sin will turn 75 on Aug. 31 and is mandated by canon law to submit his resignation as archbishop of Manila.

Sin, who as a priest defied his bishop's order to go to Rome and earn a degree in canon law because he felt he was called to be with the poor of his country, now has 29 honorary doctorates from universities all over the world.

He has been given symbolic keys to at least 19 major cities here and abroad, and has visited at least 30 countries before his health deteriorated.

At least eight books have been written about his life, and more than 300 plaques and countless citations have been awarded to him, all of which he has read and wishes to keep.

"The material value of these gifts cannot be measured. But what is important is, if you put them all together, they tell the story of a great man," said Fr. Roy Rosales, former director of the Archdiocese of Manila's commission on cultural heritage.

The story started in a virtually unknown place in Aklan, where the great man was once a poor and sickly boy who defied his Chinese father and entered, not the business world, but the seminary.

At 13, Sin was admitted to the St. Vincent Ferrer Archdiocesan Seminary in Jaro, Iloilo City. In almost all of his subjects, he obtained the optimus mark, indicating the highest attainable grades, except in music, where he got a "bonum" 74.

"He was told by his professor to improve his music," reads a biography made by students belonging to the Manila Archdiocesan Parochial Schools Asso-

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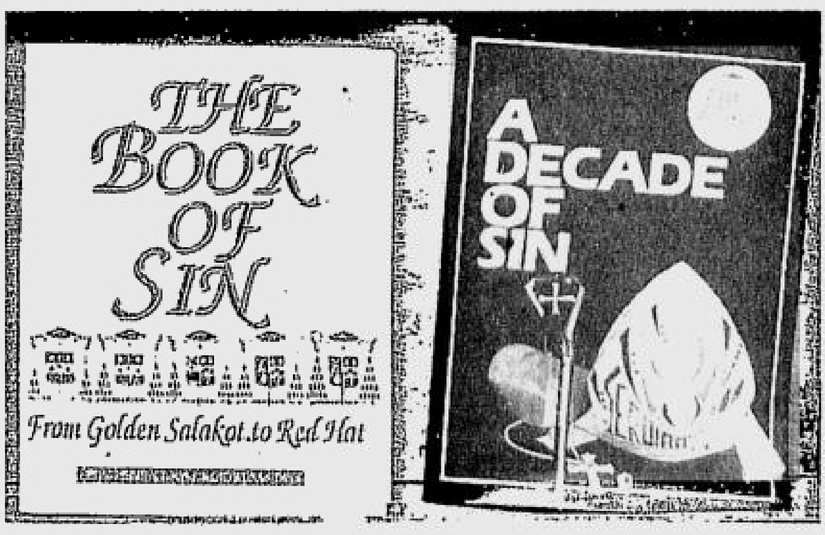

ERIK AKAZAS

FROM his grades at the seminary to 29 honorary doctorates from all over the world, the story enshrined at the Archdiocese of Manila's museum and archives tells of a man who became the world's youngest cardinal at 47.

Children of convicted soldiers dare to dream

By Alcuin Papa
in Manila
and Mei Magsino
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

THE CHILDREN of the soldiers convicted of the Aquino-Galman murders in 1990 are trying to get on with their lives.

Weng Moreno, only child of supposed trigger man C1C Rogelio Moreno, got a scholarship from a Jesuit prison outreach program for inmates and their families, and has managed to graduate from college and now works in a bank.

Mary Ann "Can-Can" Tarran, eldest child of A1C Felixberto Tarran, is looking forward to a career in the service industry and hopes to find a job abroad.

She is now a graduating hotel and restaurant management student, and was in the thick of preparations for a six-month on-the-job training stint in Singapore when she spoke with the INQUIRER last week.

Weng and Mary Ann, now both 21, be-

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Western Luzon will experience cloudy skies with occasional rains. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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Metro Manila	Cloudy With Rains	Iloilo/Bacolod	Partly Cloudy
Baguio	Cloudy with Rains	Roxas	Partly Cloudy
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Laoag	Occasional Rains	Tacloban	Partly Cloudy
Clark Zone	Cloudy with Rains	Gen. Santos	Partly Cloudy
Tagaytay	Cloudy with Rains	Zamboanga	Partly Cloudy
Legazpi	Partly Cloudy	Cagayan de Oro	Partly Cloudy
Calapan	Occasional Rains	Davao	Partly Cloudy

China vows more investments in RP

CHINA has vowed to increase investment in the Philippines and avoid conflict in the disputed Spratly islands area, Foreign Secretary Blas Ople said yesterday.

Ople, in a report on his just ended trip to China, said Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing vowed to increase investments in the Philippines to match the growing Filipino investment in China.

"There is a surge of interest in both sides to take advantage of trade complementation resources now that China has embraced free market reforms," Ople said.

Ople said Li was keen on increasing Chinese investment in the East Asian Growth Area, a Manila-led initiative to integrate the economies of the southern Philippines with neighboring regions in Brunei, Indonesia and Malaysia.

He said China's trade with the Philippines was rising faster than its trade with other Southeast Asian countries.

The two ministers also discussed the territorial disputes in the South China Sea which covers the Spratly islands, focused on ways to build confidence among the claimants as well as ways to avoid conflict, Ople said.

He did not give details of the trade increase nor of the talks on Spratlys.

Aside from the Philippines and China, Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam also have conflicting claims to all or part of the Spratlys.

Li and Ople also agreed to step up cooperation in the fight against illegal drugs.

Much of the illegal narcotics entering the Philippines have been found to have originated from China.

In a separate meeting, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao was reported to have reiterated to Ople his government's desire to strengthen relations with the Philippines.

He praised Manila for seeking peaceful means to solve its crises like the July 27 military mutiny and the Muslim and communist insurgencies, Ople said in a statement. *AP*

JOSE PIDAL ACCOUNT

Signature experts stand by findings

By TJ Burgonio

FINDINGS by handwriting experts of the Philippine National Police that the signatures of First Gentleman Jose Miguel Arroyo and one Jose Pidal were "not one and the same" could pass even the scrutiny of the country's courts.

Officials of the PNP Crime Laboratory yesterday made this assertion as they defended their findings from Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson's insinuations that these could have been tailored to favor the First Gentleman.

Lacson had accused Mr. Arroyo of laundering some P270 million in campaign contributions, and depositing it under the pseudonym, Jose Pidal.

Dr. Mely Sorra, chief examiner of the PNP Crime Laboratory, voiced the belief that the courts would accept as evidence their findings on the handwritings of Mr. Arroyo and Pidal.

Even the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the British Scotland Yard would agree with their findings because they employ the same procedures as the local crime laboratory, she said.

"All the results of our analyses have been accepted as evidence by the courts," Sorra said.

Director Ricardo de Leon, national police spokesperson, said that Sorra and other handwriting experts of the Crime Laboratory are willing to appear in court to subscribe to their findings.

"They're standing by their findings; they can prove these in court," he said in a phone interview.

Senior Insp. Leonito Cantollas, a document expert of the Crime Laboratory, on Friday released their findings and noted "seven points of divergence" between the Pidal signature and specimens submitted for examination by the First Gentleman.

"At first glance, the signatures appear the same, but they are not. It's possible that there was a strong attempt to copy the First Gentleman's signature," Sorra had said.

The laboratory made the analysis of the two sets of signatures upon the request of Mr. Arroyo's lawyer, Patricia Bunye-Roxas.

Lacson laughed off the findings saying these were not surprising since those who conducted the analysis were presidential appointees. He insisted that these were similar and proposed another examination by independent experts.

Chief Supt. Restituto Mosqueda, chief of the Crime Laboratory, also rushed to the defense of the police handwriting experts, saying nobody influenced them to come out with such findings.

"They were just doing their job; it was nothing personal," he said in a statement, stressing that Lacson, being a former PNP chief, knew that the findings were based on "scientific and technical procedures."

Mosqueda also disputed Lacson's claims that the handwriting experts were "presidential appointees," saying that they have been working for the national police for a long time.

De Leon, for his part, stressed that the "seven discrepancies" have been clearly pointed out by the experts, and that it was up to Lacson "to disprove these discrepancies."

When asked to comment on Lacson's proposal that an independent team of handwriting experts conduct another examination of Mr. Arroyo's and Pidal's signature, he said: "He's free to do that."

Burden of proof is on Ping – Joker

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE ACCUSER, opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson, not the accused, Mike Arroyo, will take centerstage when the Senate starts its inquiry into the alleged illegal activities of the First Gentleman.

Administration Senators Robert Barbers and Joker Arroyo said Lacson should be the one to produce the "goods" to corroborate his allegations.

"The burden of proof is on him," said Arroyo who stressed that it was incumbent upon the opposition senator, who made the exposé, to substantiate his charges.

In a privilege speech, Lacson accused Mr. Arroyo of laundering around P270 million in campaign contributions and putting the money in secret bank accounts, including a 'Jose Pidal' account.

The blue ribbon committee, which Sen. Arroyo chairs, expects Lacson to produce damning proofs of the First Gentleman's mind-boggling bank accounts. But "I'll be very fair to everyone," he added.

Sen. Arroyo, the lead prosecutor in the impeachment trial of then President Joseph Estrada, said he would not hesitate to seek the formal indictment of the First Gentleman if there was an iota of proof that he had amassed ill-gotten wealth.

Arroyo, however, declined to comment on the Lacson exposé. "I cannot [do so] until all the evidence are in. Besides, I'm the chair of the primary committee."

The Senate committee on Constitutional Amendments, Revision of Codes and Laws, and the Committee on Banks will serve as the secondary and the tertiary committees, respectively.

Sen. Barbers said the joint committees should not be expected to gather evidence in behalf of Lacson. "It is for him to prove all his allegations," said Barbers in a phone interview.

He pointed out that what the committee members want was to "be enlightened on the issues he mentioned." "I assume that he has a star witness, and we're willing to listen."

Dr. Mely Sorra said on Friday that whoever made the Jose Pidal signature might have attempted to copy the signature of Mr. Arroyo.

She noted that there were seven "points of divergence" between the two signatures, which led her to conclude that the two signatures could not have been signed by only one person.

Lacson was quick to belittle the findings, saying it was "not surprising" since the PNP officials were appointees of Malacañang "and some of them are even closely identified with the presidential spouse."

According to Lacson, Palace officials should get a second opinion from independent handwriting experts, not those from the PNP or the National Bureau of Investigation.

So, who owns Pidal account?

EVEN if the police have cleared First Gentleman Mike Arroyo, he and his wife still owe the people an explanation as to who really owns the controversial 'Jose Pidal" account, a Christian advocacy group stressed yesterday.

"President Arroyo's pronouncement [that she's] 'married to the country' and that she doesn't interfere with Mike Arroyo's private interest sounds like a lame excuse for herself not to be implicated in the financial misdeeds committed by her husband," said the Promotion of Church People's Response.

"If Mike Arroyo is not Jose Pidal, the people must not be left wondering about the real owners of the mysterious millions," said a PCPR statement prepared by its spokesperson, Franciscan priest Allan Arcebuche.

The Quezon City-based ecumenical group, however, clarified that it was not at all siding with Arroyo's accuser, opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson.

It noted that Lacson himself has been in the same league with the Arroyos "and all accused owners of mysterious millions and unexplained wealth."

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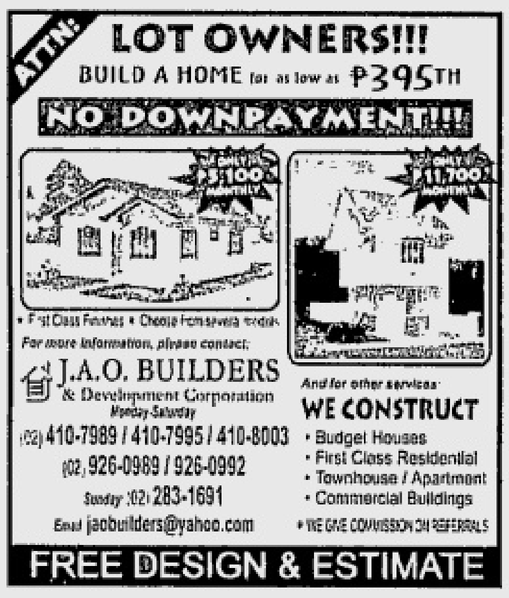

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Gov't gives up on $300,000 'ransom' for Burnhams

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE GOVERNMENT has suffered a major setback in its search for the $300,000 that was allegedly paid to the Abu Sayyaf bandits in March 2002 for the ransom of missionaries Gracia and Martin Burnham.

Solicitor General Alfredo Benipayo asked the Court of Appeals on Wednesday to lift the freeze order on foreign currency deposits in five banks that allegedly held the money after the government found that it did not have enough evidence to link the depositors to the bandit group.

Benipayo asked the CA to lift the freeze order after the Anti-Money Laundering Council found out that the depositors had acquired the dollar notes from friends, relatives, money changers and other banks.

The dollar notes were traced, through their serial numbers, to foreign currency deposits in Allied Bank, Prudential Bank, LandBank of the Philippines, Security Bank and Equitable-PCI Bank, which had branches in Zamboanga, Basilan and Jolo.

"We do not have evidence to prove the existence of probable cause that the account holders have any knowledge that the US dollars deposited in their accounts were related to an unlawful activity. The depositors may be considered innocent third parties since they acquired the US dollars in the ordinary course of business," said an AMLC report.

"Further, the United States of America, through its Office of legal Attaché here in the Philippines, in its letter dated June 30, 2003, intimated that they are no longer interested in pursuing the case considering that the original intent or objective of the sting operation could no longer be achieved," it added.

Gracia was rescued by the military on June 7, 2002 in Zamboanga del Norte but her husband, and Filipino nurse Ediborah Yap, were killed during the operation.

The Abu Sayyaf abducted them, together with other hostages, on May 27, 2001 from Dos Palmas resort in Palawan.

Private groups in the United States allegedly raised the $300,000 to ransom the Burnhams in March 2001. These groups later claimed that the Abu Sayyaf double-crossed them when the bandit group did not release the couple after the ransom was paid.

The government, however, claims that the money was part of a "sting operation" to entrap Abu Sayyaf bandits.

Lawyer Ricardo Diaz, National Bureau of Investigation-Interpol chief, said in his affidavit to the AMLC that the NBI conducted the sting operation on March 13, 2002.

The NBI, he said, delivered the $300,000 to a "courier" on March 13, 2002 "but subsequent efforts to arrest/capture the holder of the sting funds and recover the same failed," said the AMLC.

The amount consisted of 3,000 $100 bills, it added.

The AMLC was provided with a 41-page document listing the serial numbers of these dollar bills. On Aug. 27, 2002, the council issued a freeze order on all bank accounts in commercial, thrift and universal banks nationwide with foreign currency deposit unit authority within the Zamboanga, Basilan and Sulu areas where the "sting" funds were deposited, transferred or withdrawn.

The five banks then reported to the AMLC that they had frozen the accounts that contained the "sting" dollar bills. The depositors were then told to explain "under oath" how they got hold of the dollar notes.

But after the investigation by the AMLC Legal and Evaluation and its Compliance and Investigation units, the council decided that the freeze order should be lifted.

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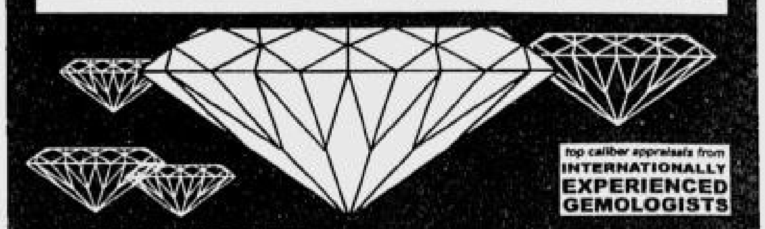

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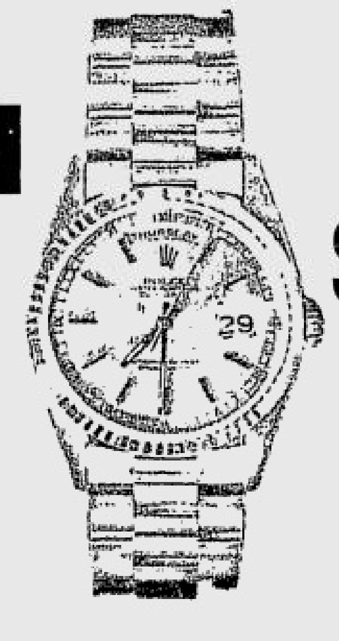

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Gov't urges high court to uphold mandatory drug testing

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE GOVERNMENT has asked the Supreme Court to dismiss a legal challenge to the new anti-drugs law that orders mandatory and random drug tests.

In seeking the dismissal of the legal challenge to the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002, Solicitor General Alfredo Benipayo said the government's right to protect public welfare outweighed the individual's right to privacy.

"To be sure, while the Constitution protects against invasion of individual rights, it does not withdraw from the government the power to safeguard its vital interests, including the integrity of its territory and the well-being of the citizens," Benipayo said.

"Given the present real danger brought about by the worsening drug abuse problem in the country, it is imperative that the individual's right to privacy yield to the government's pressing need to assure the well-being and safety of citizens against the perilous effects of drug abuse."

Lawyer Manuel Laserna Jr. had asked the high court to strike down as unconstitutional the law's provisions on mandatory and random drug testing on students, workers, criminal suspects and election candidates.

He said these violated the citizen's rights to privacy and against unreasonable search.

But the Solicitor General challenged Laserna's legal standing, saying his rights had not been infringed because the government had yet to issue the implementing rules and regulations.

"There is no conflict of legal rights, or an assertion of opposite legal claims, so to speak," Benipayo said, adding that the petition was "obviously" filed "to solicit opinion from this honorable court, and not to seek resolution of an actual controversy."

According to Benipayo, random drug tests on students are necessary to maintain their "discipline, health and safety."

He also defended the need for drug tests on both public and private employees.

"The detrimental effects of the use of drugs on the productivity and efficiency of employees cannot be denied," he said. "Such detrimental effects transcend the individual interests of the employees as they directly involve and affect the interest of the public."

Benipayo likewise said crime suspects facing prison terms of at least six years should be tested.

He said that with drug-related cases increasing, "the government has adopted strict measures to ensure that offenders are not only punished but [also] treated and rehabilitated from drug abuse or dependence."

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Customs chief to clarify issues with GMA

By Martin P. Marfil

BERNARDO

CUSTOMS Commissioner Antonio Bernardo will meet with President Macapagal-Arroyo to clarify some issues raised by customs employees over the way the lifestyle checks are being conducted on government officials and employees by Malacañang.

Bernardo revealed yesterday during an interview that he expects to discuss with Ms Macapagal three important issues in the ongoing lifestyle checks such as due process, no trial by publicity and clearer guidelines on what agencies are really involved in the investigation.

"We want to know who really is conducting the lifestyle checks, people are telling me that some people have been telling them that they are the ones conducting the checks...we know what they mean," Bernardo said in a phone interview.

The present situation, Bernardo said, makes customs personnel vulnerable to harassment and, possibly, extortion.

Bernardo also lamented that Statements of Assets and Liabilities were being published without giving the employees the chance to explain.

Bernardo and four of his deputy commissioners tendered their courtesy resignations the other day to protest the way the Palace was handling the lifestyle checks. But Malacañang rejected the resignations.

Fresh mandate

Yesterday, Bernardo said that he has not officially received word about the rejection but added that if it was true, it would be a fresh mandate" for them and would result in more vigor in their work.

Deputy Commissioner Gil Valera said that in his case, he was able to explain the real circumstances behind a deal between the Bureau of Customs and a brokerage firm where the government allegedly lost P14 million in revenues.

He said that he has submitted his affidavit and even offered to be investigated by members of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Division.

But despite his explanation, a case was still filed against Valera for allegedly having interests in a brokerage firm and for the uncollected revenues from the deal.

Valera earlier denied that he had interests in another firm and that he had also prevailed upon another firm to speed up its payments. to the bureau

He said the case was already the subject of another case.

"When I left CIDG, I was thinking that I had fully explained myself, considering that I even told them that I should be rewarded for having been able to fully collect a P37 million case against one of the big (firms) in BOC. However, I was surprised to read in the newspapers that the transparency group still filed a case against me before the Ombudsman..." Valera said on Friday.

He showed reporters documents that the P37 million was fully paid and that P14.7 million was supposedly left uncollected was not true.

His resignation, he said, would be effective after his name is cleared before the Ombudsman.

Lifestyle check flunker bares P5-M extortion

A CUSTOMS official who failed in the government's lifestyle check yesterday accused investigators of trying to extort P5 million from him in exchange for a passing mark.

Jaime Maglipon, a deputy collector accused of having numerous properties, said that the extortion attempt was made during one of the three times that he went to the offices of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

The CIDG, however, denied accusations that one of its agents tried to extort money from Maglipon.

"How can we extort from that guy when we were working with the DOJ (Department of Justice) all the time?" said Felix Vargas, CIDG information officer.

Vargas surmised that Maglipon merely wanted to get back at the police, noting that he was one of the officials charged with graft and corruption before the Office of Ombudsman in connection with the lifestyle check.

CIDG chief Director Eduardo Matillano could not be reached for comment.

Bureau of Customs Employees Association president Romy Pagulayan said there were actually two instances of extortion against their colleagues.

Aside from Maglipon's case, he said that investigators also asked for the same amount from Flor Aguilar, chief of the Customs miscellaneous division.

Pagulayan added that he expects the two to file charges against the CIDG agents.

But Maglipon said that he would first await the results of the Ombudsman case.

The allegation came a day after five ranking customs officials tendered their courtesy resignations to President Macapagal-Arroyo which the latter reportedly rejected. According to Pagulayan, the officials opted to tender their resignations since Customs employees had planned to stage a mass walk-out and a work slowdown to protest the ongoing lifestyle checks. *Martin P. Marfil*

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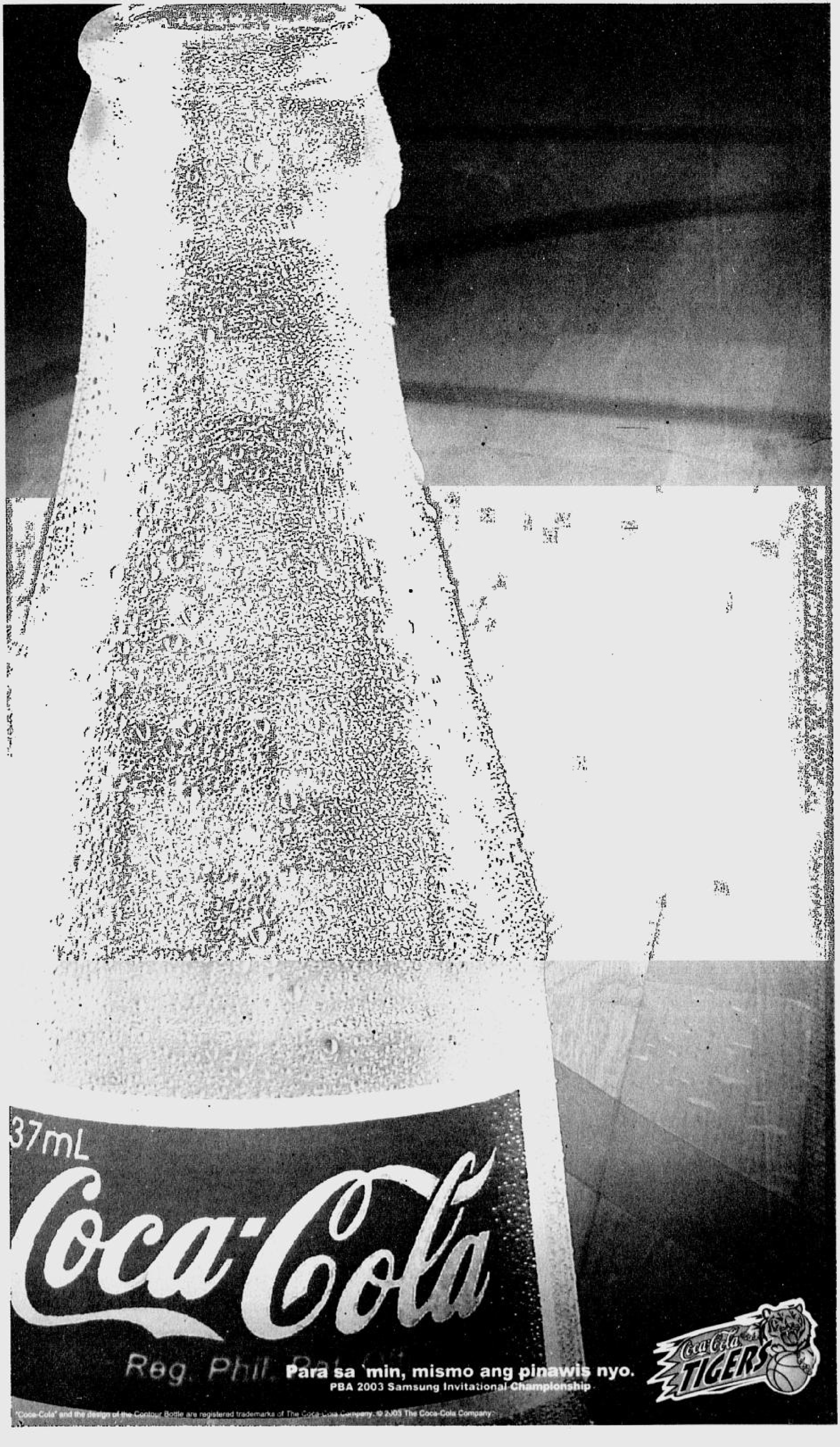

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Lifestyle checkmate

EDITORIAL

THE COURTESY resignations that Customs Commissioner Antonio Bernardo and four of his deputy commissioners tendered on Friday—rejected by the President even before these were officially announced—draws public attention to the use and abuse of the so-called lifestyle check.

Make no mistake. The lifestyle check is a new and useful addition to the government's anti-corruption toolkit. But it does not fix the repair or renovation work by itself. And it is certainly not a substitute for the other tools, such as the filing of the appropriate charges and the successful prosecution of well-prepared cases.

The customs officials who offered to resign said they did so to give President Macapagal-Arroyo a free hand, but the real reason is a grievance shared by many employees at the Bureau of Customs, the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and the Department of Public Works and Highways: the lifestyle check, as practiced by Malacañang, leads to and may end in trial by publicity.

"[W]e just expressed our concerns that there should be due process. There should not be any trial by publicity and there should be clear guidelines or rules of engagement," Bernardo told reporters during a press briefing. That last phrase is telling; the country's revenue officers now see themselves in a combat environment, complete with the need for rules of engagement.

Bernardo has a point. After Nick Conti, the head of Malacañang's Transparency Group, disclosed that "80 percent" of Customs, BIR and DPWH officials were millionaires, the presidential assistant then blithely said that the officials he had identified would not necessarily be charged with unexplained wealth. He pleaded a lack of resources, reasoning that the Palace group, which operates as part of the office of Presidential Chief of Staff Rigoberto Tiglao, needed more time to determine which officials had some explaining to do.

The game plan, in other words, is to smear with a broad brush, and then, if there's time, to clean up afterwards.

This is exactly what the lifestyle check policy does not need, to be used as a substitute for evidence to stand up in court. We all know that corruption has corroded the very structure of these three government agencies, as it has many other government units, but we do not see how shaming the "80 percent" can rust-proof the bureaucracy.

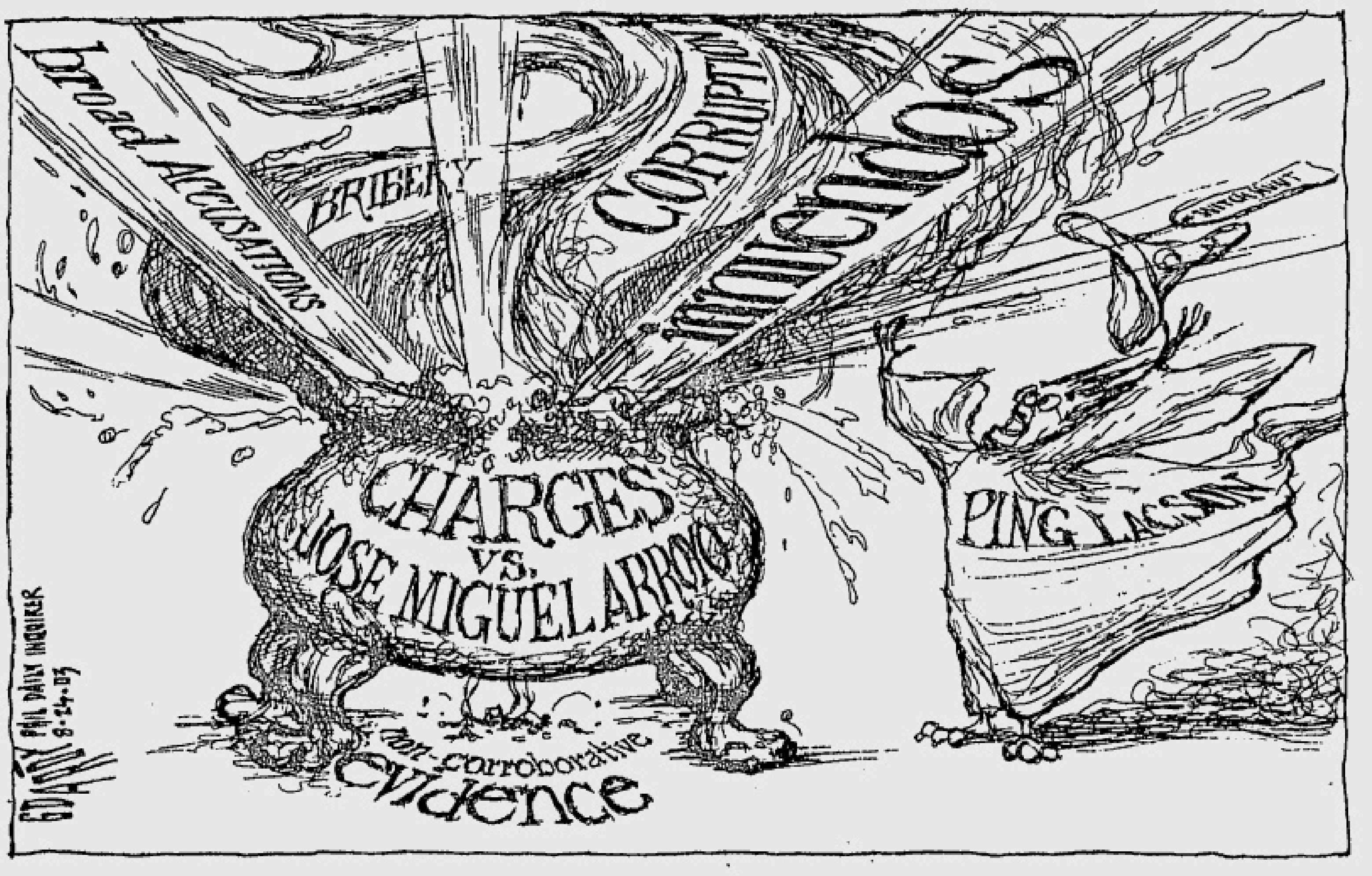
If charges have been filed against an official, using evidence gathered from a lifestyle check, then that official becomes a legitimate subject of news stories. But why disclose a list of millionaire officials who may or may not be corrupt, who may or may not have to explain their relative wealth, who may or may not be charged in court? We can think of only two possibilities. The administration wants to shame the officials into resigning. Or the administration wants to change the coup-dominated, Jose Pidal-fixated news agenda, and quickly.

We realize that many of the officials Conti named are in fact corrupt, but their perfidy does not justify putting even one innocent official to shame or sending one honest man to jail.

Conti—and by extension Tiglao, too, for green-lighting the disclosure—errs in another fundamental way. He thinks being a millionaire in government service is prima facie evidence of wrongdoing, of unexplained wealth. This is absurd, and proof of a startling innumeracy.

In today's inflated prices, accumulating a million pesos in assets is not the standard it may have been, say, 30 years ago. Today, owning a bank-mortgaged car may already land a government official in the list of asset millionaires. And contrary to popular perception, it is possible for an honest public official, given enough time and financial discipline, to own a house worth a few million pesos.

We do not know what the new standard for unexplained wealth should be. Is it P5 million, or P10 million? That is for the government's actuarial experts to determine. But we are certain that the nice, round sum of a million is both arbitrary and already out of date. Otherwise, not even the likes of ex-journalist Tiglao will be spared the heavy hand of ignorant public censure.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Still on the Oakwood hearings

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

THAT was an excellent article of Teddy Benigno the other Thursday about Sen. Gregorio Honasan. His deft dismissal of Gringo's disreputable career left little more to be said about the fugitive scoundrel.

It was foolish to elect him to the Senate in the first place and doubly foolish to re-elect him in 2001. His record during his last term was insipid and blemished by his support for Estrada during the impeachment trial. He has already disgraced his current term with his involvement in the Oakwood rebellion, of which he is the alleged *supremo*. And he is making it worse by hiding like a terrified prey although he had earlier promised to surface once the state of rebellion was lifted.

Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV appears to be more courageous than his supposed leader. He and his companions had, of course, no similar opportunity to escape like Gringo. But at least they did not act like scared rabbits when they appeared before the Senate and the Feliciano Commission. In fact, they had to be scolded by both bodies for their arrogant attitude.

I share the view of many people that the rebellious soldiers were wrong in holing up in the Oakwood Hotel to express their grievances against the government. Their arming themselves for battle and the lethal precautions they took against a possible attack from the loyal troops made their protest less believable.

I feel, though, that these young soldiers had reason to complain. Even among the public in general, there is distrust of the military, especially its officers. There are widespread reports of malversations of funds intended for the benefit of the rank and file, of kidnap ransoms shared by generals with the bandit groups, of armaments being sold to the dissidents instead of being used against them, and of even the trust funds for retired officers being stolen or misspent. These and many other abuses being committed on every level of command are hushed up and remain unpunished.

But these are only rumors to the public, who has no direct knowledge of the facts. Even the legislative inquiries of these reported anomalies have produced nothing much except an opportunity for grandstanding among the members of Congress.

By contrast, the soldiers themselves are aware of such venalities. These are not mere rumors to them but actualities. They have seen these irregularities being committed, and sometimes they are even commanded to assist in their commission. As soldiers, they have been trained to obey their officers; disobedience will place them at risk of punishment, including forfeiture of their careers. Abnormally, the ordinary soldier will choose to look the other way and prefer the safety of silence to the jeopardy of valor.

If Trillanes and his band of brothers chose courage rather than cowardly conformity, then all honor to them. They deserve commendation for the bravery they have manifested that the rest of their comrades-in-arms were unwilling to share for fear of their own security. These young rebels have acted in keeping with the high traditions of their alma mater and the sacrosanct code of honor they have sworn to uphold.

Even on that assumption, however, there is no question that the manner in which they expressed their protest was highly improper. As soldiers, they should not have forgotten that "civilian authority is, at all times, supreme over the military" and that the Armed Forces are supposed to be the protector of the State and the government that represents it. These are constitutional principles they have scornfully rejected.

So were they used by Honasan to mount a rebellion that would establish a military junta with him as the leader? Were they instead using Honasan to lend color of authority to their show of defiance and possibly enlist the support of the senator's followers? Or were they using each other in a conspiracy to topple the present civilian government and replace it with a banana republic tyrannizing with bludgeon and bullet and bomb?

While I have no sympathy with the way they have challenged the lawful authorities to cleanse the military of corruption, I believe the government should still accord them the constitutional presumption of innocence until the contrary is proved. That guilt must be established beyond reasonable doubt at a trial where they shall enjoy the right to notice and hearing. Due process protects all persons accused of crime, no matter how heinous the offense and despite the evidence against them.

(The right to be heard, if I may differ with my good friend Justice Feliciano, includes the use of adjectives and adverbs instead of only "nouns and verbs," as he suggests. The witnesses do not have the same gift of words as my esteemed but impatient colleague.)

The soldiers have complained that the Feliciano Commission and the Senate committee of the whole, in conducting their respective investigations, appear to have already presumed their guilt. Perhaps it is their insolent manner that has irritated the investigators or maybe the investigators themselves are overly sensitive. Both sides should be reminded that the hearings are fact-finding and that their common purpose is to discover the truth.

No other love, no other name

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about three priests who started discussing their common problem of how to get rid of bats in their churches. The first priest said he once took a shotgun and fired at them, but to no avail. The second one said he trapped them alive and released them outside, but they came back. The third priest said, he no longer had a problem in his church. Asked how he solved it, he replied: "I simply baptized and confirmed them, and I haven't seen them in the church since then."

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The Gospel today (Jn. 6, 60-69) speaks about how many of Jesus' disciples abandoned Him, and never came back after He started talking about His flesh as food and His blood as drink. Faced with the possibility that they were following somebody who was probably a lunatic and definitely a loser, they turned their backs on Him, went back to their former ways, and no longer accompanied Him.

How often have you and I done the same thing? What is it that makes you and me abandon Him again and again? How often have we turned to other loves, and carried other names than Jesus?

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I read an interesting anecdote which said that after Jesus rose from the dead, He was met by angels in heaven who asked Him whom He had planned to leave behind on earth to continue His work. "Just a small group of men and women who love me," Jesus replied. The angels were concerned and asked Him: "Is that all? What if this tiny group should fail?" Jesus said: "I have no other plans...."

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Jesus is counting on us, on our love, on our commitment to Him. He believes in us. He trusts us. He needs us.

Unworthy as we are, let us not belittle His call, nor should we belittle our response. In His work, no one is indispensable, but also no one is unimportant. We are all invited. We are all invited to stay, and stay on.

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These are refreshing days for me here in Baguio City where I am facilitating a retreat for the Batangas clergy. It is nice just to be with fellow priests and to share our joys, hopes and dreams, along with our burdens, difficulties and even brokenness in the ministry. In our sharings, we can't help but praise God for loving us and for continuing to call us by no other name in spite of our failures and weaknesses. To His question "Do you also want to leave me?" we answer in all humility: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

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Temptation and sin are real in our lives, but so also is grace. That's why we stay on. Love covers a multitude of sins. God's love is greater than our sins. This should lead us not to abuse but to trust more in God's mercy. We stay on even if we are "*kapal muks*" (thick-faced) to the Lord. Presumptuous? It is better to be presumptuous of God's love than to doubt God's love.

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It is edifying to encounter young priests who are so full of idealism and enthusiasm, older priests who have persevered and who have remained humble, and a simple, fatherly and caring pastor in the person of Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales. May we have more leaders in the Church (and in our country) and who are present (not hiding and inaccessible!)

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There are ordinary people in this world who have taken the "road less traveled," and who stay on this lovely road because of commitment. Their good deeds are hardly heard of, but they go on anyway. It is they, not those whom we hear of in the media every day, who truly deserve our praise and gratitude. *Mabuhay kayo!*

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Why do you stay on the road? Why do we take the road of sacrifice? Why do we not turn to other loves and carry no other name but Jesus'? Because we believe that there are more important things in this world than money, power, positions, bank accounts and pleasures. Why? Because we still believe in living meaningful lives. We still believe in love in this life and in eternity. We still believe in respect and self-respect.

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Let me end with this beautiful story about a woman who was surprised to see a child early one morning in school complaining that the door was locked. As she fumbled for her keys, the child said excitedly: "You're a teacher!" When she asked the child how she knew that, the child hesitated for a moment and then said with respect: "You have the key."

Come to think of it, it is those who have love and commitment, and who carry no other name but Jesus' who have the key and who hold the key.

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A moment with Lord:

Lord, help me to have no other love, and to carry no other name but Jesus'. Amen.

From airline steward to steward of the Lord

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

THE USUAL route to priesthood is via the seminary, leading to ordination after years of study, reflection and much prayer. A number of professionals have been accepted to the Sacrament of Holy Order after undergoing a shortened period of theological instruction. It is interesting to note that some of the towering figures of the Church initially spent time in professions totally unrelated to the priesthood and this experience would help them in their work in the ministry.

One of the greatest saints of the Roman Catholic Church, whose feast day was celebrated last July 31, is St. Ignatius of Loyola. He was an influential figure of the reformation movement of the Church during the 16th century. He founded the Society of Jesus in 1534. St. Ignatius has always been considered a patron of the Armed Forces of the Philippines with the cathedral at Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, being named after him. During the failed 1989 coup attempt, the fighting between the rebels and government troops for control of the AFP headquarters took place within a stone's throw of the cathedral. Fortunately no damage was inflicted on the church during the exchange of fire.

The Philippine Military Academy in Baguio City is also an Ignatius stronghold, with cadets attending Sunday services at their chapel on a hill honoring the soldier-saint.

Ignatius, who was baptized Iñigo, was the youngest son of a noble and wealthy family in Castille. His military career is quite sketchy but there is mention of his being employed in military and diplomatic missions while in the service of a relative, Antonio Manrique de Lara, Duke of Najera and Viceroy of Navarre. In a battle against French forces outside of Pamplona, Ignatius was hit by a cannon ball, fracturing his right leg, damaging the left and effectively bringing to an end a short-lived military career. But the discipline that he developed as a soldier served him in good stead in preparing himself for the priesthood.

Perhaps, now more than ever, the discipline and spirit of sacrifice shown by St. Ignatius should be emulated by the officers and men of our Armed Forces.

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During my short visit to Woodridge, Illinois, where my grandchildren live, I attended Mass one Sunday at the St. Joan of Arc church. The service was presided over by the parochial vicar, Rev. Thomas Botheroyd, "Father Tom" to the kids in school. His homily that Sunday reminded me of Father Jun-Jun, our parish priest at Mt. Carmel. It was a touching, down-to-earth story which he connected with the gospel of the day to make the service more interesting and inspirational. Others may say that there is more to gospel readings than just storytelling, but for me that is how I like my Sunday sermons, otherwise the mind starts wandering to the 7th hole of the Navy golf course.

I got to meet Father Tom a few days later and realized he must have the strangest background for a man of the cloth. Born in Chicago in 1947, one of four children belonging to a poor family, he joined the Christian Brothers of La Salle right after finishing high school. However, just before taking his final vows, he decided to leave the seminary along with others who were not too happy with the way things were turning out. For many aspirants to a religious vocation, it was a disturbing period of doubt and dissension and he saw no particular good in proceeding with the brotherhood. Instead, he decided "to see the world" and joined Northwest Airlines (NWA) as a flight steward. I mentioned that generally one joined the Navy to see the world, but said that at that time, he was not particularly interested in wearing the uniform. It was the '70s and the military was in disrepute owing to the fallout from the Vietnam War.

Father Tom spent 18 years with Northwest, flying most of its international routes to Europe, Japan and South Korea. His flight to the East would take him up to Tokyo and Seoul where a new crew would cover the remaining distance to Manila. When we think of airline crew members in their glamorous uniforms, part of the image which comes to mind is that of flowing booze, easy babes and easy sex at every stop. Father Tom enjoyed all the things that crew members are supposed to enjoy, doing what many of his colleagues are suspected of doing. In short, it was an exciting and charmed existence which lasted almost two decades. Many were the times when he could have gotten hitched but somehow a voice inside kept telling him, there were other plans involving other people.

His father, a carpenter, was an alcoholic who underwent a religious transformation during his last years, an awakening which in turn greatly affected and influenced Father Tom. He began to think about his own life. Then one day, a friend suggested that he join the priesthood; with his previous seminary background, it would take him only a few years to ordination. He agreed and along the way, he picked up a couple of masteral degrees in Theology and Counseling at Loyola University and in the year 2000, at the age of 53, he was ordained a priest.

To a greater degree than most other priests, Father Tom probably knows what life in the real world is all about—in particular, what sin is all about. This has placed him in a unique position to carry out with understanding and sensitivity his responsibilities as a steward of the Lord.

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Fantasy, fun and fashion

AT LARGE

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WE'RE in for a season of sweet escape, of fantasy and adventure, special effects and generous doses of humor—at least, if a series of upcoming movies I've seen recently are any indication.

"Pirates of the Caribbean," "Spy Kids-3D," and "Legally Blonde 2—Red, White and Blonde" move across the timeline and the globe, from the Caribbean in the 18th century when pirate ships roamed its waters, to cyberspace and cyber-age adventures, to present-day Washington, D.C. But they have many things in common: an irreverent attitude toward their subject matter, tongue-in-cheek dialogue, and a youthful, exuberant spirit.

"Pirates" producers may have planned to offer Johnny Depp, as the pirate Jack Sparrow, as the movie's main draw; but if we can believe producer Jerry Bruckheimer, they were just lucky enough to cast Orlando Bloom, just about the hottest young actor these days, as the young village blacksmith Will Turner. Bruckheimer says that he met Bloom when he was cast as one of the special operations troopers in "Black Hawk Down," and offered him the role of Turner, little knowing that Bloom would catapult to stardom as the elf warrior Legolas in the movie trilogy "Lord of the Rings." Lending gravitas to the film with his acting chops is Oscar winner Geoffrey Rush as Sparrow's nemesis, Barbossa. A pleasant contrast to the scruffy cast is Keira Knightley as Elizabeth Swann, the governor-general's daughter and Turner's love interest. The mix of established stars and rising actors is quite interesting and the rapport and chemistry among the "generations" of actors seem genuine.

Based on the popular Disneyland attraction of the same name, "Pirates" is an unabashed fantasy, a romp through the world of pirate lairs, swashbuckling adventures and otherworldly creatures. It centers around a gold medallion that was part of Cortez's loot, stolen from the ancient Incas, bringing down a curse on anyone who seeks to profit from it. Today's audience can't be expected to take such a storyline seriously and the filmmakers don't even try to convince them otherwise. Instead, the screenwriters, the same team that concocted that marvelous tale "Shrek," fill the script with contemporary allusions and sly asides, an irreverence that rescues "Pirates" from B-movie land.

The special effects are also quite impressive and quite sleekly carried off. Watch out for the swordfight inside the Black Pear crew's lair. It's quite a thrill to watch!

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I THOUGHT "3-D" in "Spy Kids 3-D" was just a clever marketing gimmick for this third in a series of movies about a brother-and-sister team of juvenile secret agents. But when those attending the press preview at My Cinema in Greenbelt 3 were handed those funny cardboard glasses, I discovered the "3-D" really meant the movie, or most of it anyway, would be in "3-D."

Kids will surely have a blast with the special effects, but even adults will have fun remembering when objects seemingly float out of the screen or hurtle toward our heads.

The young leads have grown up a lot since the original, but the movie still retains its spirit of fun and over-the-top concepts. How's this for a concept—a boy entering the world of a computer game to rescue his sister whose mind has been "captured" by the game, and reach the final level to rescue millions of children in danger of being turned into puppets by the evil game creator.

Sylvester Stallone goes slumming in the movie as the evil genius who creates the world's most popular computer game and stars, ranging from Martin Landau to Salma Hayek to Antonio Banderas, make cameo appearances. But the real stars of the film are the special effects which can take all forms and appearances, being set in the fantastic world of a computer game.

But even this comic fantasy has a warm fuzzy heart, asserting at the end the value of family loyalty. Nice to know the young audience will come away from it with values as well as eyes blurry from the lights and spectacle.

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IF any other actress had dared take on the role of Elle Woods, the ditzy lawyer in pink in "Legally Blonde 2," we would have left the movie house hot and bothered and irritated. But as in the original, Reese Witherspoon endows Elle with both naiveté and self-awareness, character and chutzpah. This is one woman who is—unapologetically, unassumingly—herself. And no amount of putdowns, patronizing or even betrayal can ever get her to turn back on herself or her values.

Elle goes to Washington, D.C. and dares take on Congress for a cause: put an end to animal testing by the cosmetics industry and thereby rescue the mother of her beloved Chihuahua Bruiser. In the process, she learns life-changing lessons about politics and personal relations, idealism and pragmatism. But Congress is not immune to the pink invasion, and Elle, in pursuit of "Bruiser's Bill," will do all she can to see it signed into law, including mobilizing the troops of her sorority, a sight that is truly daunting.

I loved the way the script works itself around Elle's obsessions: hair and manicure, beauty parlor ideologies, pet relations and her coming wedding. While it teeters close to satire, the film manages to skirt the perils of badly-done camp. Though my husband, who has no concept at all of beauty routines, complained afterwards that he just couldn't get many of the film's inside jokes that sent us women laughing out loud.

One leaves the theater cheering for Elle, not laughing at her. As her congresswoman says, and realizes to her peril, "never underestimate a woman with a French manicure and a Harvard law degree." Indeed!

The absurdity of blaming the PMA

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

IN THE AFTERMATH of the July 27th mutiny led by young officers, among them the top graduates and the most be-medalled in their batch at the Philippine Military Academy, not a few opinion makers have advanced the proposition that the PMA should be abolished.

The suggestion is that, in producing highly politicized officers who will not hesitate to break the chain of command in the pursuit of dubious goals, the institution has failed. It has failed because it did not inculcate the correct values in its students, and imbued them instead with an arrogant messianism that has no place in a democratic society.

The idea is absurd. It proceeds from wrong and dangerous premises.

This line of thinking is as persuasive as the argument that some seminaries should be closed down because they have bred a number of deviant priests and bishops. Or that the University of the Philippines should take responsibility for those among its alumni who have turned out to be oppressive and corrupt leaders of the country. What is overlooked is that the same institutions have also trained patriots, dedicated public servants, honest professionals and a good number of the nation's finest citizens.

If institutions must take responsibility, why single out the schools? Why not accuse the families in which these soldiers' formative years were spent? Indeed, why not confront the whole society and culture, and the period, that shaped them?

This is bad thinking, says the philosopher Nietzsche. "No one is responsible for simply being there, for being made in such and such a way, for existing under such conditions, in such surroundings. One is necessary, one is a piece of fate, one belongs to the whole, one is in the whole—there is nothing which could judge, measure, compare, condemn our Being, for that would mean judging, measuring, comparing, condemning the whole."

One need not totally subscribe to Nietzsche's view of morality and responsibility to understand what he is saying. Beyond the conventions set by prevailing morality and law, which are based on the assumption of the individual with free will, it is difficult to pinpoint exact responsibility and allocate blame. The moment we start looking beyond the individual, in an effort to determine the original culprit, we come face to face with the realization that all of existence must be held accountable, or no one at all. But, by the same token, Nietzsche also questions the concept of the individual as an autonomous agent, whose actions are caused by certain motives hatched in the mind and driven by the will. "The so-called 'motive': another error. Merely a surface phenomenon of consciousness, an accessory to the act, which does more to conceal the antecedents of an act than to represent them."

So let us forget for a moment the question of who is ultimately responsible for the Oakwood mutiny, and who should be punished. In our culture, and under our legal and political system, after all, this question is not problematic. The individual offender and the accessories to the offense are to be held accountable. And, accordingly, the core group led by Navy Lt. (s.g) Antonio Trillanes IV has accepted full responsibility for their actions.

The disquiet in our minds refuses to go away, however, and it will likely remain long after the mutineers have been stripped of their ranks and sent to jail. We feel an urgent desire to understand why a group of presumably intelligent, courageous and highly decorated young officers should rebel against the military establishment in which they hold promising careers, and against the government they swore to defend.

The explanations have been mostly facile, but then any explanation is better than none. Some have accused the mutineers of messianism, as if the youthful desire to make a decisive difference in the life of one's society was something pathological. Others have depicted them as nothing more than power-grabbers afflicted with the same inflated political ambition as all classical coup plotters in history. Still others have sought to paint them as nothing more than small-time racketeers, the very negation of the principles they espouse. The whole idea is to portray them as misguided and corruptible monsters who can no longer tell the difference between right and wrong.

But we deceive ourselves in the long run. The demonization and punishment of the mutineers will not enhance our understanding of the conditions that make incidents like Oakwood possible. In our guts we know that our nation is in a degenerative state. And that all the extra-constitutional interventions and mass actions that have filled our political landscape since the late 1960s are symptoms of a desperate need to repair or get rid of a decadent system. Some of these interventions have succeeded in capturing the state, but all have failed in overcoming a social and political system that over the years has divided and corrupted our people, crippled our economy and mortgaged the future of our children.

We may condemn, as I do, the use of force to change the way of life of our society. But we must not forget that we might avoid the armed revolutionary 's cleansing violence as an alternative to peaceful reform only if we can make a firm resolve to take command of our national life, to match the beliefs we mouth with concrete action, and to begin the revolution ourselves in our everyday dealings with government and with one another.

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Wanted: Heroes

COMMENTARY

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MOST of us would readily admit to being Filipino. But when asked why we are, the only answer that comes to mind is because the Philippines is our place of birth. Other than that, as a nation we can't seem to give a plausible reason why we are Pinoy. Is being a Filipino a mere accident of birth?

The answer could very well be yes. Our actions point to our casual knowledge of being Filipinos. Casual in a sense that it is a given we take for granted. Compared to gender, which is also an "accident," we can readily say whether we are male or female, not just because we were born that way, but also because we feel it and choose to be. We feel womanly, or manly and choose to be a certain gender in varying degrees, whether or not we have the necessary apparatus to be either male or female.

The casualness with which we see our being Pinoy might be the reason why it is difficult for most of us to relate to the numerous national heroes we come across in our history books, or to see parts of ourselves in the lives of heroes turned into films or TV series. It is easier for us to relate to the lead actors in Western films and see part of our humanity there, or to identify with the heroes in the leading telenovelas.

In a country replete with local heroes who firmly believed the Filipinos are worth dying for, it is unfortunate that we have degenerated into a poor country with no strong inclination toward love of country, as our real heroes once had. We have forgotten about Rizal, or Andres Bonifacio. No longer do we festively nor reverently celebrate the sacrifices made by men such as these. In the meantime, we content ourselves with the icons of our day, such as F4 or Michael Jordan, who wow us with either their looks or athletic prowess. But no longer do we have heroes who can give us the minimum benchmark of what a good Filipino is.

What does it mean to be a good Filipino anyway? Is it being able to converge in Edsa when democracy is threatened? Is it the ability to take up arms and fight underground when economic progress does not trickle to the poorest of the poor? Is it the ability to stage coups when we are discontented with the way the government is being run? Or is it the capability to storm and riot in or near Malacañang when we feel that we are being oppressed?

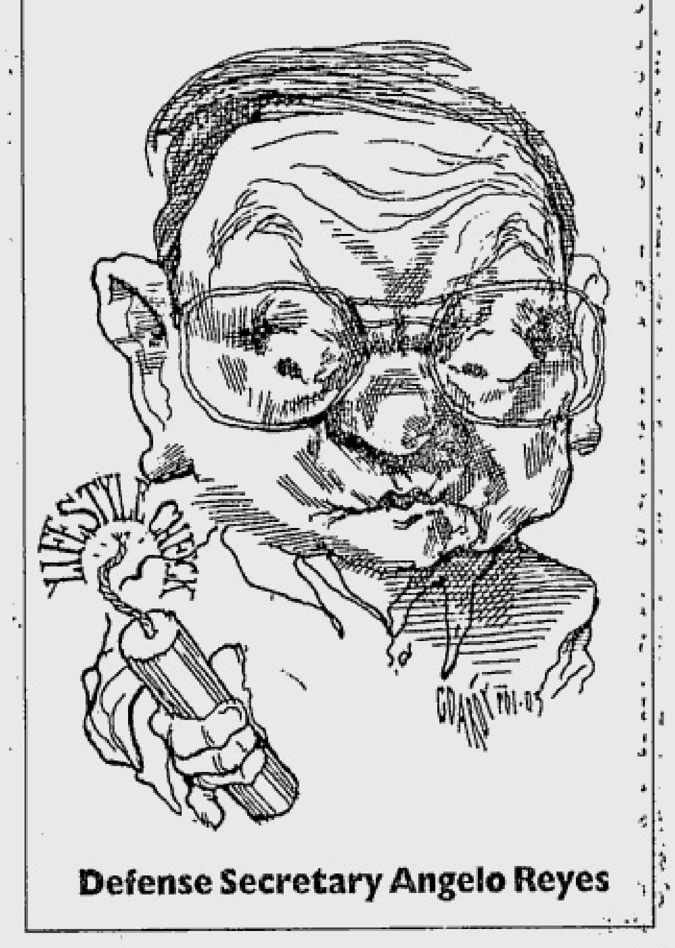
Most Filipinos, admittedly, have nothing but good intentions for our country. However, we diverge on the approaches we take. We have divided and factionalized ourselves according to where we're coming from, not to where we want to go, to the point that we no longer see ourselves as a people, but as part of separate, monolithic sectors, each independent of each other, and each capable of saving the country from itself without each other's help. We have alienated ourselves from each other, and in the process, have limited our perspective. We all profess to love the country, yet we fail to love the myriad, differing faces of Filipinos. Loving the country does not merely mean loving the ground we walk on. It means loving the people who walk on it, too. It means caring enough for the common good.

But the concept of common good has become distorted as often as we change heads of state. Now, the meaning of common good no longer means the universal good of all, but rather the good of a certain sector, a certain institution, a certain political party. It no longer means positive and tangible fruits of labor for the welfare of all, without regard for class, parties and affiliations. Nowadays, we have numerous leaders with various goals in mind, but none of them seems to have the common good as a priority.

This makes the loss of heroes all the more tragic since we are left with a vacuum of leaders who can show us how to care enough for the common good. There are no good mentors around anymore, nor are there any good examples. Most idealistic youth would certainly lose their way in the confusing world of corruption and compromise. Some would be led astray by political demagogues whom they would replace later on. Others would simply vanish in the sea of mediocrity and poverty, where dreams will forever be confined to three complete meals a day and a roof over their heads.

In the long run, if things continue to go as they are going, being Pinoy will mean corruption and poverty. If this happens, we will no longer be apathetic about being Filipinos. Instead, we will abhor being Filipinos because, then, it would not only mean being born in the Philippines. It would mean belonging to a race stained by dirt and depravity.

IN THE NEWS



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Does interviewing Gringo abet rebellion?

IT WAS an enterprise story. A TV reporter sought out and interviewed Sen. Gregorio Honasan, whom the government accused of masterminding the failed July 27 coup attempt by soldiers belonging to the Magdalo Group.

The interview did not sit well with President Macapagal-Arroyo. At a dinner in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro on Aug. 15, the President displayed her infamous temper and berated GMA-7 reporter Tina Panganiban-Perez.

Ms Macapagal accused Panganiban-Perez of "abetting rebellion" for interviewing Honasan. The reporter replied that she interviewed Honasan on Aug. 12, the day after the President lifted the state of rebellion.

But the President claimed that Panganiban-Perez met with Honasan, who is in hiding, during the state of rebellion. Macapagal added that government "assets" saw the reporter with the senator before the lifting of the state of rebellion.

It was a case of selective harassment of a member of the Philippine media that put media practitioners on notice. Anyone interviewing people whom the government accused of hatching the coup will be placed under surveillance.

The tongue-lashing from the President and the surveillance are government attempts at curtailing press freedom. These drew howls of protests from the media and other sectors. This display of vigilance forced the President to mollify Tina-Panganiban Perez with a hug. Three Cabinet members offered her red roses as a "peace offering" and the President tendered a dinner for members of the Malacanang Press Corps and their spouses.

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'The excuse of national security no longer valid'

By Jose G. Burgos, Jr.
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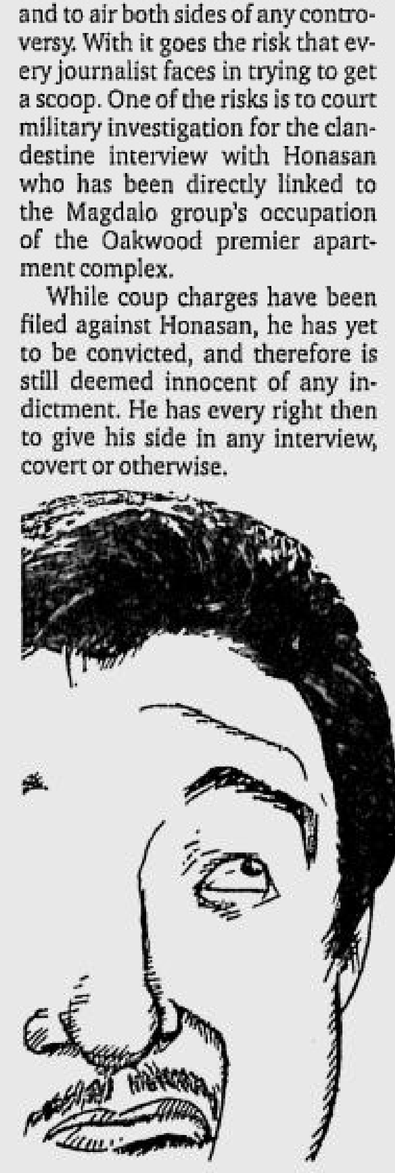
The controversial TV interview of broadcast journalist Tina Panganiban-Perez with Sen. Gregorio Honasan boils down to two basic issues : the right of the people to know (press freedom) and the right of the State to defend itself (national security).

The July 27 uprising staged by more than 300 junior officers and soldiers, in full-battle gear and lugging incendiary bombs was clearly a treasonous act against the State. Under such siege, the State has every right to protect itself from its enemies, the mutineers. It can even curtail certain human rights, including press freedom and free expression.

On the other hand, the situation had stabilized and political normalcy had been restored when Perez did the Honasan interview. In this light, the excuse of national security to suppress civil liberties, was no longer valid.

As a journalist, Perez has every right to go after a story but should be aware of her concomitant responsibility to avoid being biased and to air both sides of any controversy. With it goes the risk that every journalist faces in trying to get a scoop. One of the risks is to court military investigation for the clandestine interview with Honasan who has been directly linked to the Magdalo group's occupation of the Oakwood premier apartment complex.

While coup charges have been filed against Honasan, he has yet to be convicted, and therefore is still deemed innocent of any indictment. He has every right then to give his side in any interview, covert or otherwise.



In many instances, secret interviews with notorious fugitives and even rebel leaders, have been part of journalistic records. One example is the continued publication of the views of New People's Army spokesperson Ka Roger Rosal during surreptitious interviews "somewhere in the Bondoc Peninsula".

It would be a different matter if Tina Panganiban-Perez were a known cohort or sympathizer of Honasan or any of the mutineers. It would, however, be difficult to prove this or to plumb her motive in interviewing Honasan. If Perez sought out Honasan for the interview (and not the other way around), it may be deemed a legitimate pursuit of the news and practice of her profession. Among journalists this is called an enterprise story.

Admittedly, megalomaniacs like Honasan and the Magdalo junior officers feed on attention and they will squeeze every column centimeter of publicity to "endear themselves to the public." I am sure the Perez interview would not be the last. Honasan will seek out the media for his own interest, including the promotion of his self-announced bid for the presidency.

There is a peripheral issue on interviews such as those with Honasan and his ilk — media may be accused of glamorizing coup plotters or traitors.

What is important for any journalist worth his salt is that he should be circumspect and should exercise prudence in portraying any sinister individual or group as heroes, instead of as heels, that they really are.

Statements that tend to incite people to take up arms against the government blurted out during interviews cannot be printed but any other sentiments that are supposed to clarify issues are vital to journalistic balance. Interviews from either side are meant to ferret out the truth.

My thinking is that the Magdalo soldiers cannot justify their violent scheme in taking over the Makati condominium. That they were merely trying to dramatize their grievances against corruption in the military is a shallow, illegitimate excuse for their extremely dangerous move against the State and the Constitution. They should be lined up before a firing squad for the crime of treason. Had this drastic but just punishment been meted out during the 1989 coup (instead of push-ups), in which Honasan was a super active actor, we could have prevented the July 27, 2003 rebellion.

But back to Tina Panganiban-Perez's interview. She has to face the consequences, including her being placed under surveillance and other subtle harassment. She has to steel her resolve to face any investigation, over the Honasan interview — which to me would be a blatant violation of her constitutional right as a legitimate journalist.

But I doubt it if this would go that far. President Macapagal- Arroyo and her media advisers know that they would be treading on sensitive, if not dangerous, grounds.

'She was just doing her job'

By Ely Saludar
Outgoing president, Malacañang Press Corps and reporter, RMN-News

No. Gringo was not a fugitive at that time he was interviewed. There was no warrant for his arrest up to now. Tina's interview did not give Gringo a chance to tell the people to rebel against the government. Tina was just doing her job as a journalist. Everybody knows that Gringo is being sought by all media organizations to get his side on charges being leveled against him.

'We are against any form of surveillance'

By the Malacañang Press Corps

We, the members of the MPC, express our deep concern over the incident that took place on Aug. 15, 2003, involving President Macapagal-Arroyo and our member, GMA-7 reporter Tina Panganiban Perez;

We further express our apprehension over the ensuing statements made by Malacañang officials prescribing media conduct in writing their stories and getting to their sources, in the name of national security;

We respectfully submit that the President's statement that Perez was possibly "abetting rebellion" when she interviewed Honasan, was an unmistakable form of threat, indirect or otherwise; and express concern over the disclosure that her "assets" had seen Perez with the senator, allegedly during the state of rebellion;

We are against any form of surveillance of media practitioners in the conduct of their legitimate work as this not only endangers them but stifles the spirit of journalistic enterprise;

We also beg to disagree with the way Malacañang had handled the situation—insisting on its moral authority to prescribe its idea of "circumspect" and fair reporting, which we interpret as stories to the government's liking;

We also object to Malacañang's plan to forge "better coordination" between the Office of the Press Secretary and private media organizations, as well as the setting of "guidelines" in handling stories concerning national security;

We would not want think that the Aug. 15 incident had unmasked the erosion of the ramparts of the fourth estate under this administration, nor would we, in issuing this statement, seek to drive a wedge between the presidency and media practitioners because of differences in policy interpretation;

While we believe in a strong partnership between the state and media, this can only exist in the spirit by which these two institutions were founded—the state to govern, and the press to point out the iniquities of governance;

It is on this principle that we both must stand, for in the end, this republic can only be the Macapagal administration's envisioned strong republic if the media are allowed to do their job: to defend and promote the people's right to know without the burden of underhanded or manifest state censorship.

'We don't write what gov't wants to read'

By Amalia Bandiola-Cabusao
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When President Macapagal-Arroyo "angrily confronted" GMA-7 reporter Tina Panganiban-Perez, accusing her of "abetting rebellion" for interviewing Sen. Gregorio Honasan, she uncannily reminded us of the state of the press during the time of deposed President Ferdinand Marcos.

Her pronouncement and the admission of the Philippine National Police chief, Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr., that police had been monitoring the movements of certain media personalities for "their supposed connections with rebel organizations" are disturbing signs that the media, 17 years after People Power I, remain fettered after all.

This also leads us to believe that journalists in community papers and the local broadcast media are vulnerable to military surveillance that may threaten their security as they inevitably come into contact with the New People' Army and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the "enemies of the state," in the daily grind of news gathering.

Covering the ongoing struggle for peace in Mindanao behooves journalists to establish reliable sources of news from different players.

It is chilling to read the admission of the PNP chief that journalists, who have news sources within the rebel organizations, are being monitored. It is chilling because in Mindanao, journalists get a harsher treatment than just dressing-down. They are killed. The most recent victim was the late Edgar Damelerio of Pagadian City, who was killed on May 13, 2002 allegedly by a policeman.

What happened to Perez should be viewed with grave concern. Journalists write about events and processes of significance happening in the country. They do not write what government wants to read.

'A journalist's first loyalty is to the citizens'

By Girlie Sevilla Alvarez
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When a journalist interviews a source, and eventually uses whatever information he gets from this source, some principles of journalism are at work— 1) that the primary purpose of journalism is to provide information that the public needs to be free, and to be empowered; 2) that journalism's first obligation is to the truth, and 3) that journalism's first loyalty is to the citizens.

The information that he gathers from his source/s should help the public to come up with decisions, or maybe even solutions.

Another duty of the journalist is to provide a forum for public discussion. Through his story, an exchange or an engagement takes place.

Tina Panganiban-Perez's handling of the Honasan story clarifies for the public a lot of things and leads to a better understanding of the issue.

The WORLD

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3 British soldiers killed in Basra

BASRA, Iraq—Three British soldiers were killed Saturday by unknown gunmen in the southern port of Basra, further destabilizing the country even as the United Nations returned to work for the first time since the devastating bombing of its Baghdad headquarters.

The attack was bound to cast a pall over a new US effort to convince reluctant UN members to send foreign troops to Iraq as it seeks relief for its beleaguered troops, bogged down in a low-level war with a host of guerrilla fighters, ranging from radical Islamists to loyalists of Saddam Hussein.

"A serious incident took place in central Basra at 8:30 this morning. We can confirm that three British servicemen have been killed and one seriously injured," a coalition spokesperson said.

"The casualty has been taken to the hospital for treatment."

Witnesses and a British major earlier said that three British soldiers and as many as four Iraqi civilians had been wounded when coalition troops came under fire from gunmen.

The soldiers, driving a sport-utility vehicle, were ambushed by gunmen in a white four-door Toyota near the old British cemetery, said street seller Sabir Naama, 48.

"The driver was hit and lost control of the vehicle, hitting an Iraqi woman and two children. He then slammed into a building," said Naama.

Another man caught in the crossfire between the soldiers and the gunmen was hit and taken to hospital, he added.

The latest shooting comes after a string of attacks on British soldiers this month and a violent two days of rioting in Basra, shattering the image the British-controlled region as a peaceful oasis.

Neither were the British safe in Baghdad where its diplomats were evacuated from their embassy compound the day after the bombing of the United Nations headquarters, after a "credible threat" of an attack, London's Times newspaper reported Saturday.

The Times did not say whether the staff had returned to the embassy compound, housed in the former Ottoman governor's residence on the banks of the Tigris.

In the capital, around 200 UN workers returned to work Saturday four days after a suicide bomber sped into the world body's headquarters in Iraq and detonated 700 pounds of old Soviet munitions, killing 23 people and wounding more than 100.

The body of UN envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello, killed in the blast, was flown out of Baghdad Friday as his staff vowed not to run away from Iraq in the face of the worst attack in UN history.

A Brazilian air force jet carrying Vieira de Mello's body left Baghdad airport for Geneva after mourners, including US civil administrator for Iraq Paul Bremer, paid their last respects to the diplomat.

"We will not be deterred by any act of terrorism," Bremer said. "The rebuilding of Iraq by Iraqi people will go on. It's not going to be stopped by this act or any such act."

UN chief Kofi Annan Friday named Ramiro Lopes da Silva as interim top UN official in Iraq. *AFP*

Brazil space rocket explodes; 21 feared dead

BRASILIA—Twenty-one people were feared dead on Saturday after the explosion of a rocket at Brazil's Alcantara Space Center, officials said.

Defense Minister Jose Viegas said 16 employees were confirmed to have died in the blast that devastated the space center in Maranhao state Friday, while five more were missing and 20 others injured.

State security officials gave the toll as 19 dead.

The prototype rocket was being prepared to launch two Brazilian observation satellites into orbit on Monday when it exploded, virtually carbonizing the bodies of the victims and destroying the satellites.

The explosion was triggered when one of the rocket's four main thrust engines was unintentionally fired up. The platform on which the technicians were working disintegrated.

"Because it was impossible to identify the bodies, we were forced to hold a roll call of technicians," Viegas said.

Twenty-one workers did not respond and had not been located when rescue workers called off their efforts at around 8 p.m., officials said. The search was to resume on Saturday.

Viegas said an investigation would be carried out "with speed and efficacy" to determine the cause of the blast.

"On behalf of the government I want to express deep regret over the death of these workers who were laboring in such a noble cause," he said.

The explosion marks the third failure in Brazil's attempt to become the first Latin American nation to launch a rocket into space. Rocket launches were aborted for technical reasons shortly after blast-off in 1997 and 1999.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said he "deplored" the accident and "paid homage to the victims and their families," his spokesperson said.

But he added that Brazil remained determined to pursue space technology.

Television images shot by an amateur cameraman from a nearby beach showed the rocket and pieces of the launcher disintegrating in the air. A blaze on the launch pad that followed the explosion was rapidly brought under control. *AFP*

Canada nabs 19 in 9/11-like preparations

TORONTO—Canadian police arrested 19 men last week in a case that, according to court documents obtained by a newspaper, has eerie parallels to the preparations for the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police spokesperson Michele Paradis confirmed the arrests but declined to offer details.

"We arrested 19 people last Thursday," Paradis said on Friday, adding that the operation had involved four police departments from across the Greater Toronto area.

"They're all related and it's all part of what we're alleging has to do with a group taking advantage of a system—the immigration system here in Canada."

The Toronto Star newspaper said the men were arrested after a "pattern of suspicious behavior" which featured one man taking flight lessons that took him directly over an Ontario nuclear power plant.

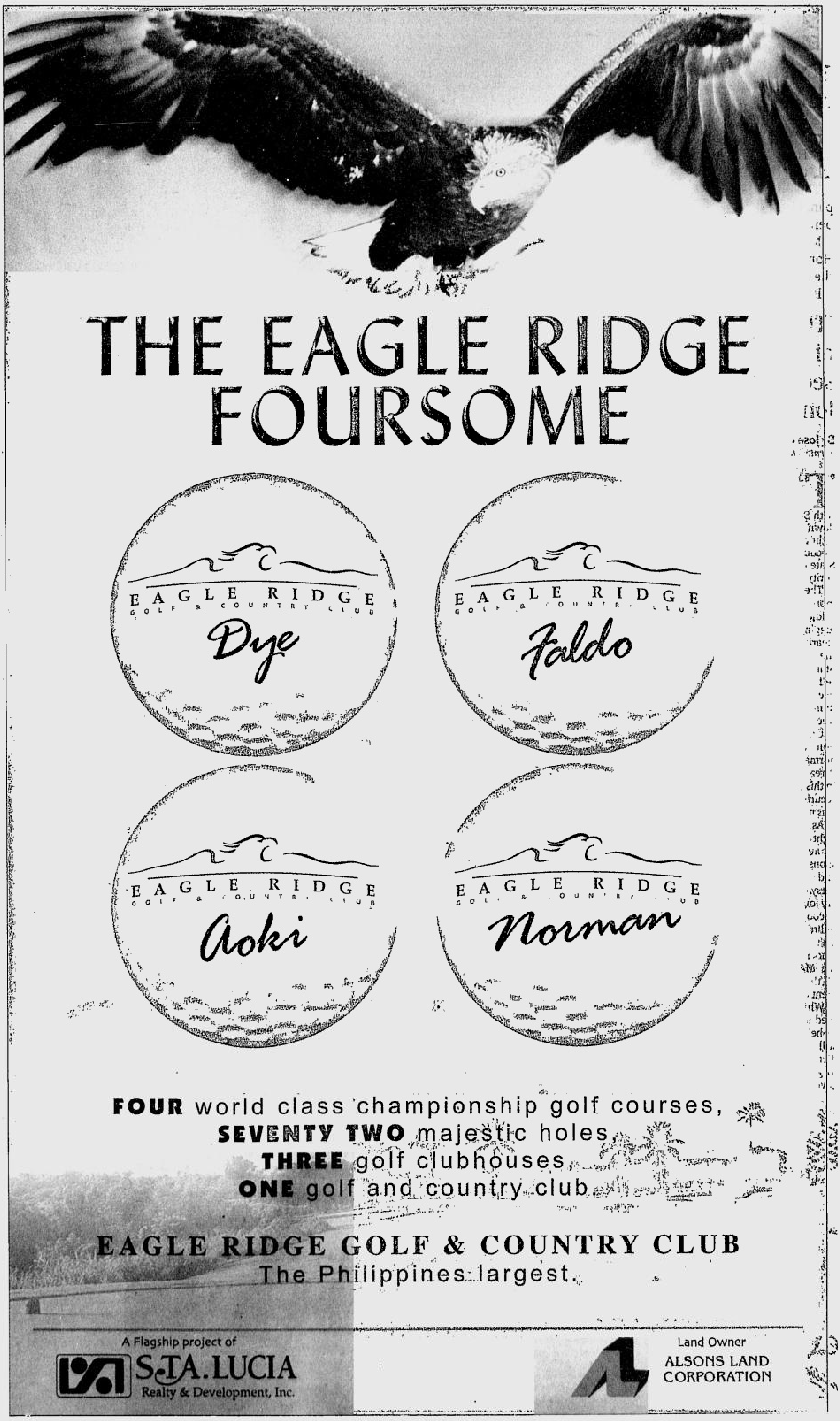
In court documents obtained by the newspaper, the student pilot was described as "unmotivated" and he raised suspicion because he has trained for nearly three years to obtain a commercial pilots license that normally takes only a year.

"He often brings with him an unknown male as a passenger," the document read.

The alleged incidents evoke chilling memories of the Sept.

11 attacks, where the suicide hijackers who flew commercial planes into New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington took lessons at US flight schools.

The Department of Homeland Security in the United States said it is in contact with Canadian authorities about the matter. *Reuters*



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Computer virus blocked after causing 'epidemic'

NEW YORK—The Sobig.F virus, which invaded hundreds of thousands of computers this week, appeared to be slowing down late Friday, said experts who succeeded in blocking the virus' propagation access.

"The news is good," Vincent Weafer of the Symantec computer safety products company, told CNBC cable news. "At this time there is nothing harmful coming out of the 20 servers that were transmitting the virus."

MessageLabs, a similar company, said the 20 servers that could transmit the virus had been cut out of the network.

Computer protection specialists toiled through the day to stem the "epidemic" by repairing the 20 servers which the virus had used to stuff innumerable e-mail boxes with infectious messages.

CNBC said the FBI was on the case, but was for the moment without clues to the perpetrator(s).

Earlier Friday, F-Secure, a Finnish anti-virus software producer, had put out a warning about "one of the biggest attacks thus far," intended to strike computors running Microsoft's Windows programs beginning at 1900 GMT (3 a.m. in Manila).

The Sobig.F virus, a "worm" virus so-called because of its ability to infect computer operating systems without human intervention, multiplies by using e-mail addresses it finds in computers it infects. Experts say it is the fastest propagation system yet encountered.

Although the virus does not paralyze the computer, it considerably slows the network to which it is hooked up, and can bring servers to a halt with so-called "spam," or unsolicited e-mails.

Coming so soon after the MS-Blast and Lovesan viruses, computer defense experts had earlier warned that cyber-space now faces a major new threat and that they have never seen a virus like Sobig which spreads so quickly.

US internet giant AOL said it has stopped more than 20 million copies of the virus.

Mark Sunner, the chief technology officer at MessageLabs, said the company had detected more than 3.5 million copies of the virus since Aug. 18.

"In the first 24 hours we intercepted over a million," said Sunner. "It's actually unprecedented." So far it has mainly affected North America and Europe, said MessageLabs.

Sunner said the worm remained voracious but was slowing. "One out of every 42 e-mails has the virus now. At its peak in the first 24 hours it was one out of 17."

According to the MessageLabs expert, the new Sobig.F virus is stronger than Sobig.A and Sobig.B and other earlier versions which have been appearing since January. "The e-mail component is very efficient," he said.

Sunner said Sobig.F hides its origin and seizes upon every address in the infected computer's mailbox. *AFP*

Israel kills 3 militants in hospital

NABLUS, West Bank—Israeli troops killed three Palestinian militants inside a West Bank hospital on Friday, extending a new spiral of violence that has smashed a ceasefire vital to a US-backed "road map" peace plan.

Shortly before, tens of thousands of angry Palestinians calling for revenge marched in the Gaza City funeral of Ismail Abu Shanab, a US-educated Hamas leader who was assassinated by an Israeli helicopter missile strike on Thursday.

Islamist militant groups called off a seven-week-old ceasefire after Israel killed Abu Shanab in an attack that followed a Hamas suicide bombing—a relapse into tit-for-tat bloodshed that doomed previous peacemaking.

"We love martyrdom and we seek martyrdom," Abdel Aziz al-Rantissi, another senior Hamas political leader who survived an Israeli assassination attempt in June, told the crowd as it chanted, "Revenge, revenge!"

Israeli troops and tanks massed along the boundary with northern Gaza later on Friday in what security sources said was preparation for a possible incursion after Hamas fired Qassam rockets into Israel following Abu Shanab's killing.

Inside Gaza, Palestinian gunmen fired at several army outposts near Jewish settlements, a military spokesperson said. *Reuters*

THE FRENCH government, struggling to cope with the aftermath of a heat wave that may have killed up to 10,000 people in the country, was on Aug. 22 sent reeling again when Agriculture Minister Herve Gaymard said a drought exacerbated by the hot spell has caused losses of up to four billion euros. Photo shows dried-up sunflowers in Revel, southwestern France. AFP

Europe heat wave killed 12,000, say officials

PARIS—Europe's scorching heat wave claimed 2,000 lives in countries outside France, where record temperatures are thought to have killed about 10,000 people, officials say. Italy, which had refused to release figures, has now agreed to investigate its toll, bowing to a public outcry over increased deaths.

The Associated Press compiled death tolls and estimates in 18 countries. The highest official estimates come from Portugal, with 1,300 deaths, and the Netherlands, with 500-1,000.

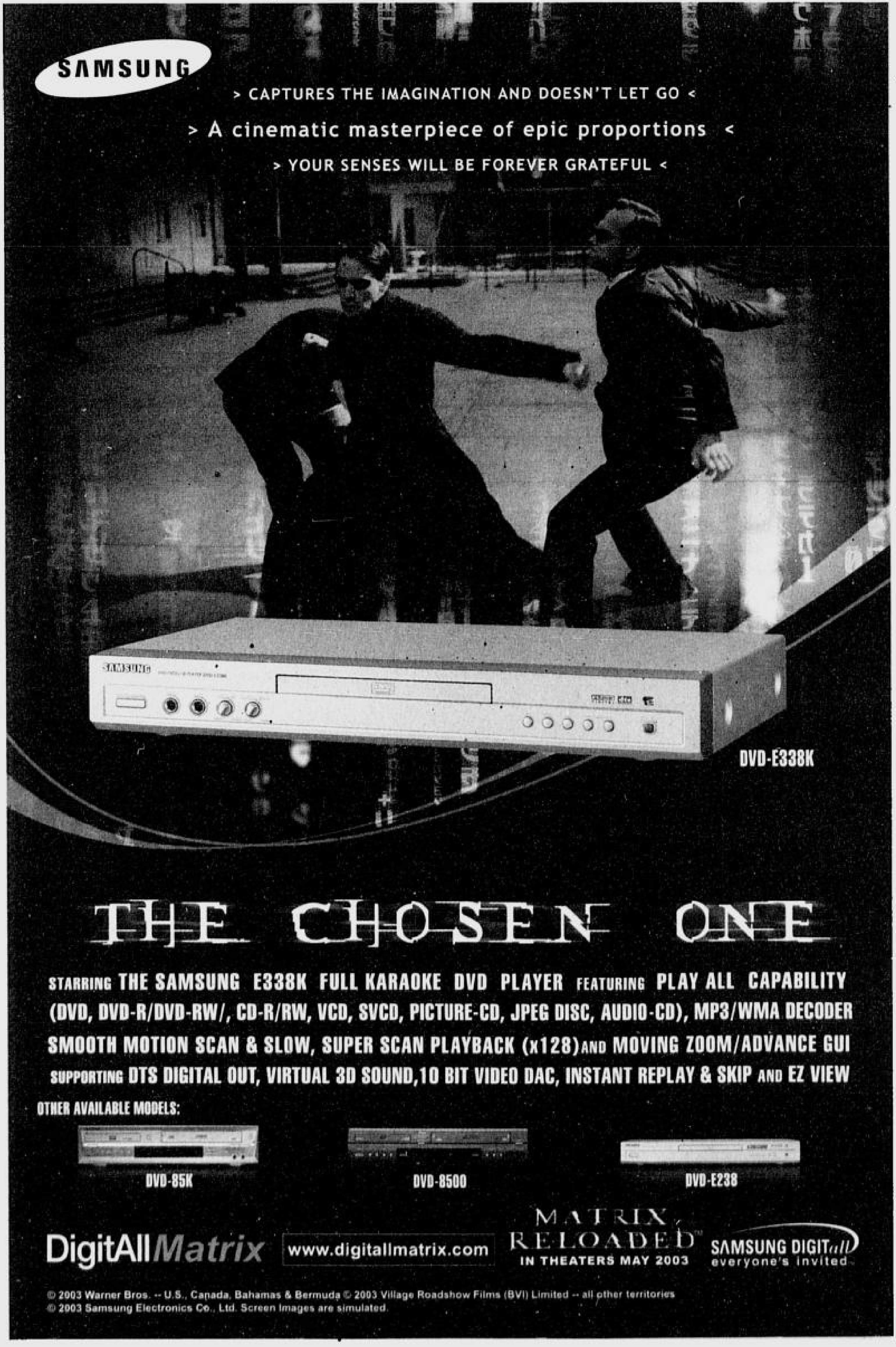
In Italy, city authorities reported unusually large numbers of deaths in August compared to last year.

But Europe also is divided over how to go about the politically sensitive task of tallying heat deaths, with some health officials dismissive of France's staggering 10,000-victim estimate.

The French compared mortality rates this summer to last and attributed the difference to the heat. In Spain and Italy, some believe that if the same simple method is applied there, death tolls would spiral.

In Italy, the health ministry previously insisted it was virtually impossible to establish a clear link between deaths—particularly among the elderly or gravely ill—and high temperatures.

But on Friday it promised an investigation, under pressure from advocacy groups shocked by media reports that said death rates rose dramatically during the first half of August, particularly in major cities of northern Italy. *AP*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'10 Commandments' judge in Alabama suspended

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TERESA Kotara of Tallassee, Alabama, with her daughter Sabrina, prays in front of a replica of the Ten Commandments standing at the State Judicial Building in Montgomery, Alabama, Aug. 22. REUTERS

MONTGOMERY, Alabama—Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy Moore was suspended here late Friday amid a burgeoning religious-legal battle over his refusal to remove a statue of the Ten Commandments from the state judicial building.

The removal of the statue was ordered by a federal court, and the US Supreme Court this week rejected an appeal by Moore, who was elected in 2000.

Moore's eight associate justices voted to comply with the federal order, but Moore has vowed to fight on.

In suspending Moore with pay, the Court of the Judiciary of Alabama said he had "failed to uphold the independence and integrity of the judiciary... observe high standards of conduct... avoid impropriety or the appearance of impropriety... respect and comply with the law... (and) avoid conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice."

Richard Cohen, general council of the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of the plaintiffs in the case to remove the statue, said, the suspension was "entirely appropriate. (Moore's) defiance of the federal court order obviously violated the Alabama canon of judicial ethics."

The suspension was announced as crowds massed in front of the judicial building, singing, praying and otherwise voicing support for Moore, and the statue.

The legal tug-of-war over the monument to the commandments—recognized by Christians and Jews alike—in the heart of the southern US so-called bible belt, has sparked a battle between civil rights organizations and religious groups.

But Moore vowed to fight on, and by late Friday some 440 people had signed a petition promising to do "whatever necessary" to prevent the monument's removal. *AFP*

Vancouver virus not SARS

VANCOUVER—A mysterious respiratory illness that has swept through a nursing home in western Canada is not caused by the SARS virus, health officials said Friday.

The virus looked like severe acute respiratory syndrome and acts like a milder version of the disease, but is not actually SARS, the pneumonia-like illness that began in Asia and killed more than 800 people around the world earlier this year.

"We have clearly found large sequences of the virus that are not present in the SARS coronavirus," Dr. David Patrick, director of epidemiology at British Columbia Center for Disease Control, said at a news conference. Testing appears to point to another virus which is known to be a cause of common colds, scientists from the center said.

Nearly 150 residents and staff members at Kinsmen Place Lodge in Surrey, a Vancouver suburb, fell ill in recent weeks with sniffles and other symptoms much less severe than the headaches and pneumonia associated with SARS.

The outbreak has puzzled scientists around the world because while there was evidence of a virus that looked remarkably like SARS, nearly all of those who fell ill at the facility suffered merely mild cold-like symptoms.

"The epidemiology and clinical evidence has told us all along this illness we were dealing with was not severe acute respiratory syndrome and now our laboratory findings corroborate this," Patrick said.

Canada's largest city, Toronto, was the epicenter of the biggest SARS outbreak outside of Asia, with almost 250 people sickened and 44 of them dying. Only four confirmed SARS cases have been reported in British Columbia, more than 1,600 km west on the Pacific coast. *AP*

Libya completes transfer of $2.7B in Lockerbie compensation

WASHINGTON—Libya on Friday completed the transfer into a Swiss bank of $2.7 billion in Lockerbie compensation money, paving the way for the lifting of UN sanctions against the country, the US State Department said.

"We have been informed by the lawyers for the Pan Am 103 families that the transfer is complete," said deputy department spokesperson Philip Reeker.

Libya began transferring the compensation—to be paid to the families of those killed with the Pan Am Boeing 747 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland on Dec. 21, 1988—from its state bank into the Basel, Switzerland-based Bank for International Settlements on Wednesday.

But because the amount was so large several days were needed to complete the transaction, US officials said.

The completion of the transfer is the trigger for the UN Security Council to act on a British-proposed resolution to lift economic, travel and diplomatic sanctions on Libya under a deal reached last week.

Last Friday, Libya sent a letter to the Security Council accepting responsibility for the Lockerbie bombing and pledging to pay up to $10 million to the families of each of the 270 people killed.

Britain then proposed the resolution to lift the sanctions and the United States said it would not oppose the move but France raised objections and threatened to block it unless Libya boosted the compensation it is paying to the families of those killed in the 1989 bombing of a French airliner. *AFP*

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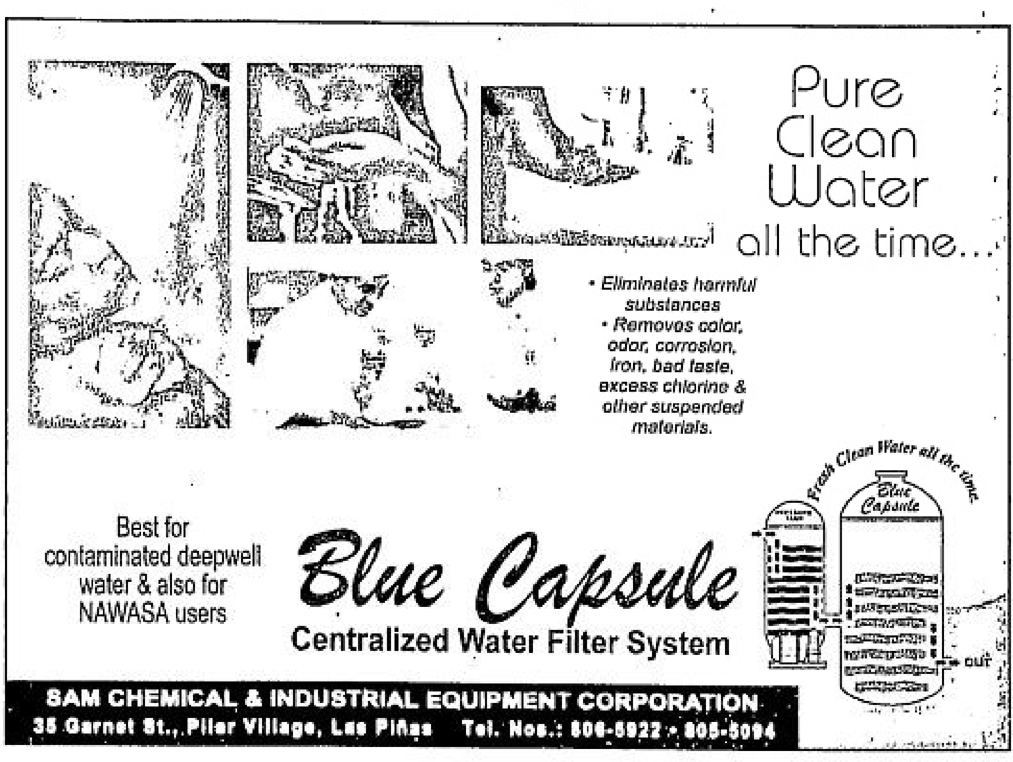
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New Goodyear innovations put Asian drivers one revolution ahead

LUXEMBOURG, July 30, 2003 - The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company has once again created a new Trinuum Tyre Technology-based passenger tyre that's revolutions ahead of consumer expectations and competitor designs. Ducaro GA is a passenger premium tyre designed to be Goodyear's largest-volume seller in Asia.

With the launch of Ducaro GA Goodyear now offers a portfolio of the newest tyre lines in Asia. During the past three years Goodyear has introduced Asian drivers to numerous innovative and high-technology products, such as the Eagle Ventura, Eagle NCT5, Ducaro GDi, GT3, Fortera, Wrangler AT/R, Wrangler MT/R and Wrangler D-GRIP.

The concept behind Goodyear's Ducaro GA is a technology-based state-of-the-art design system, which is intended to shatter consumer myth that a tyre can't simultaneously be ultra stylish, deliver responsive performance, and administer a quiet, comfortable ride.

Goodyear engineers expanded the company's recent Bubble-Blade Design concept to create the Bubble-Blade II System. This design improves handling on wet and dry roads by as much as 10 percent, enhances the driver's ability to corner and break quickly, maximizes driving comfort, and greatly reduces road noise.

"Ducaro GA delivers seemingly contradictory attributes all in one tyre," said Hugh Pace, president of Goodyear's Asia Region. "Goodyear's Trinuum Tyre Technology has blended product knowledge, experience and creativity to produce the new Bubble-Blade II System and as a result, a new class of premium passenger tyre. It's set to become one of Goodyear's greatest success stories in Asia."

Additional features and benefits include decoupling grooves that balance Ducaro GA's footprint pressure for even wear, enhanced durability, and added mileage.

Goodyear will launch a multi-media campaign in Asia during the third quarter. The campaign will introduce Ducaro GA to the market and support Goodyear's commitment to grow its market share in the fastest-growing region in the world. Launch elements will include broadcast, newspaper, magazine, outdoor, transit ads, POS and collateral pieces that will help raise awareness and position the Ducaro GA tyre as "The New Reality" in its class.

Goodyear is the world's largest tyre company. The company manufactures tyres, engineered rubber products and chemicals in more than 85 facilities in 28 countries. It has marketing operations in almost every country around the world. Goodyear employs about 92,000 people worldwide. Goodyear's Web site is www.goodyear.com.

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"Goodyear took its Bubble-Blade Design and created a new, expanded Bubble-Blade II System for the Ducaro GA, contributing to the one-of-a-kind driving experience that the Ducaro GA delivers," said Hugh Pace, president of Goodyear's Asia Region.

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Widow of slain journalist appeals anew for justice

PAGADIAN CITY—The wife of slain journalist Edgar Damalerio issued yet another appeal to the Macapagal administration for the immediate arrest of her husband's alleged murderer, former P01 Guillermo Wapile.

At least two witnesses identified Wapile as the gunman who killed Damalerio of radio station dxKP and the Zamboanga Scribe on May 13, 2002 near the police headquarters here.

Wapile had been taken into custody but on January 27, he was allowed to escape from the provincial police camp two days before a local court ordered him arrested.

Gemma Damalerio subsequently filed administrative and criminal charges against Senior Supt. Pedrito Reyes, then Zamboanga del Sur police director and Supt. Bheti Hadjula, chief of the 905th police mobile group before the Military Ombudsman in Quezon City.

The Military Ombudsman has yet to resolve the charges.

"I am appealing to the Philippine government . . . to act with dispatch (for) the arrest of the triggerman," Mrs. Damalerio said early this week.

She accused the local police here of coddling the suspect.

"I believe that our authorities here . . . knew the presence of the suspect (but) his peers (in the police) did not arrest (him)," Mrs. Damalerio said.

She said witnesses have repeatedly told her that Wapile has been roaming the city despite the arrest warrant.

"This only shows that our authorities have no intention to arrest him," she said.

But Senior Supt. Godofredo delos Santos, Reyes's successor, denied the police were not acting on the arrest warrant.

"I already created a task force to hunt down Wapile," he said.

Delos Santos, however, said the task force had difficulty tracking down the fugitive policeman "because he joined an organized crime syndicate" which was providing him "comfort zone" to prevent his arrest.

He said the task force's latest information indicated that Wapile has been hiding in Ozamiz City. *Hernan P. dela Cruz, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

'13-0' MONEY

Fund misuse, '01 polls linked

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

MEXICO, Pampanga—A graft case involving an alleged ghost project at the Pandacaqui resettlement here turned out to be a window on the possible misuse of P53.7 million in public funds that the office of Vice Gov. Juan Miguel "Mikey" Arroyo helped release last year to 537 barangays in Pampanga.

The case against Pandacaqui barangay captain Ismael Lampa, filed by the Bantay Bayan Foundation (BBF) with the Office of the Ombudsman on July 10, was about the non-implementation of a road concreting project worth P100,000.

The money was taken from the 2001 local government service equalization fund, a copy of a Sept. 26, 2002 letter by Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin to Lampa showed.

In the province, many local officials referred to the money as "13-0," calling it a "bonus" for delivering a solid, straight vote for the administration party Lakas senatorial slate in the May 2001 elections.

The same document obtained by the corruption watch group showed that the money was released through Resolution No. 2002-001 approved by President Macapagal-Arroyo and the oversight committee on devolution.

The money was released through Check No. 0000362463-BD for credit at the barangay's account at the Land Bank of the Philippines-Malacañang branch.

The project, however, had not been done, according to the transcripts of investigation proceedings by the Mexico town council.

The owner of RG Roque Construction, the contractor that won the project, denied implementing the project.

The council suspended Lampa from May 19 to July 19 this year. Lampa on Friday declined an interview.

Vice Governor Arroyo confirmed facilitating the release of the funds for priority projects in the barangays. He said he had ordered an investigation of the fund use amid reports of misuse.

A barangay official who knew about the Pandacaqui project said Lampa had received only P80,000. The 43 barangays in Mexico received the same amount, the official said.

At least 20 percent or P20,000 of each check was left to the municipal government.

Mayor Ernesto Punzalan denied that the money passed through the municipal government.

Documents showed, however, that the road project was inspected and evaluated by the municipal engineer as having been implemented.

In Lampa's case, the source said the barangay captain spent some P35,000 to patch portions of the road's shoulder. The official reportedly gave P4,500 to each of the 11 barangay councilors.

BBF provincial chair Carlos Alejandrino claimed receiving death threats since his group began looking into the "13-0" funds.

The latest was on Aug. 3 when a group of men lobbed a grenade in front of his house in Pandacaqui.

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Skylab, they call this contraption of a motorcycle and unrecognizable wooden parts for a good reason. What passes off as a vehicle in these parts of Sibagat, Agusan del Sur would carry as many as eight passengers through muddy roads, uphill and downhill crossings and thickets.

Gloria finds, honors honest customs guard

MAGALANG, Pampanga—Following a full week replete with reports of corruption in her administration, including her husband's alleged money laundering, President Macapagal-Arroyo finally got a piece of good news.

Mayor Pastor Guiao told the President about the honesty of security guard Joselito Samson, who returned to a South Korean trader the P3 million that he found on Aug. 7. Samson is a security guard at the customs department of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Ms Macapagal readily congratulated Samson, a Kapampangan from this town, and gave him a very tight handshake.

Ms Macapagal announced the good deed of Samson to the crowd gathered at the Central Luzon Drug Rehabilitation Center (CLDRC) here.

Before some of her Cabinet members and local officials, she said: "*Nakapulot ng tatlong milyong piso, ibinalik niya sa may-ari* (He found P3 million but he returned it to its owner)."

Like the President, the people gave Samson, 40, a long round of applause.

Samson found the Korean's wallet inside a Korean Airlines plane on the midnight of Aug. 7 at the Naia where he was on duty.

Contents

The wallet contained some $3,000 in cash, assorted Asian currencies and several international Visa credit cards.

He learned later from the trader, who was identified as Shung Yu, that the Visa cards contained current accounts worth almost P3 million.

On Aug. 8, Samson turned over the wallet to a Naia customs official, who ordered that the Korean's whereabouts be located.

Later that day, the Korean got his wallet back.

Samson, a resident of Barangay San Pedro here, said he never entertained the thought of taking what he found. The temptation was great, though.

Now on his 10th year with the Naia customs department, Samson earns a monthly salary of P6,000 which, he said, was not always enough for him and his growing family.

Working at the Naia, he lives in Pasay City the rest of the week and goes home only on weekends to his family here.

Motive

Speaking in Kapampangan, Samson said: "In the first place, I wanted to help whoever lost the wallet. I also thought that my honesty would help our country, that I could help tell the world that not all Filipinos are bad."

Tourism Secretary Richard Gordon vowed to help him get a promotion for his good deed. He said government employees who put a big premium on honesty like Samson deserved more encouragement and help.

Samson said the best reward he had received so far was receiving praises and kind words from the President, her *kabalen* (province mate).

"*Tama na sa akin ito. Basta makatulong sa kapwa, mas maganda* (I'm contented with the praises. It's good that you are able to help others)," he said. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

New campaign vs smoking

A GROUP of anti-smoking advocates has launched a continuing campaign to discourage and stop smoking.

Berna Romulo Puyat, chair of the Bayanihan Tungo sa Reporma at Pagunlad (BRP), said her group launched the campaign July 22 in Quezon City.

Puyat in a statement said there should be a "non-smoking culture" in the country.

She said there should be a sustained information campaign on the hazards of smoking that must "target" children, students and young people if we are to create in the future a non-smoking society."

The campaign includes encouraging parents to stop smoking.

"By quitting, smoking parents can save as much as P900 a month, which may be enough for a cavan of rice for a family."

Ironically, one of the supporters of the campaign is Philip Morris-Phils.

Army lieutenant mistaken for mutineer cleared

By Carla P. Gomez
PDI Visayas Bureau

BACOLOD CITY—It was a case of mistaken identity.

1Lt. Charlie Banaag of the 11th Infantry Battalion, was cleared of any involvement in the Oakwood mutiny in Makati City on July 27.

Maj. Lyndon Sollesta, 3rd Infantry Division (3ID) information officer, said Banaag was mistaken for another junior officer who took part in the failed coup.

Now that his name has been cleared, Sollesta said Banaag has reassumed his position as commander of the 11th IB alpha company stationed in northern Negros Occidental.

Banaag was one of the five junior officers assigned to the Visayas who was relieved from their posts and ordered restricted to Camp Macario Peralta, the headquarters of the 3ID in Jamindan town, Capiz to face investigation on their alleged involvement in the July 27 mutiny.

The four others were Capt. Randy Pedroso, Capt. Sandy David, 1st Lt. Allan Margarata and 2nd Lt. Romeo Celis.

Pedroso was with the 87th Military Intelligence Company in Iloilo while Celis, the 15th IB in Bohol. Pedroso and David belonged to the 78th IB in Cebu.

Sollesta said a Lieutenant Banaag was in the list of names found in the diskettes allegedly owned by the mutineers. The diskettes allegedly contained the names of the mutineers' financial backers and supporters, and detailed plans to topple the government.

But Sollesta said the investigation later showed that the junior officer involved in the mutiny had the first name of Randy and was assigned to the 6th Infantry Division in Mindanao.

Sollesta said David, Pedroso, Margarata and Celis were still being investigated by a team from the Armed Forces of the Philippines to determine the extent of their participation in the failed putsch or their sympathy with the mutineers.

Bid to save Lingayen Gulf gets new boost

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan—The environmentally-critical Lingayen Gulf gets another lease on life with regional government agencies agreeing to create a special inter-provincial body to unify efforts in managing the gulf's resources.

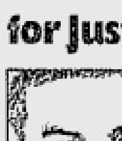
The programs to protect and preserve the coastal resources of the gulf, one of the richest ecosystems in Northern Luzon, used to be coordinated by the Lingayen Gulf Coastal Area Management Commission (LGCAMC) until it was abolished early last year by President Macapagal-Arroyo.

With the vacuum created by the abolition of the LGCAMC, there was a need to create a provincial coordinating committee on coastal resource management (PCC-CRM) because of the problems and issues besetting the province's coastal resources, Gov. Victor Agbayani said.

"We should synchronize and coordinate the policies and programs on the management of our coastal resources," he said.

The PCC-CRM will ensure all efforts and initiatives of the government, non-government and private sectors. *Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

Countdown for Justice



WAPILE

IT is exactly 468 days today since Pagadian journalist Edgar Damalerio was slain in cold blood. The principal suspect, police officer Guillermo Wapile, remains at large after escaping while in the custody of the police.

NCCP charged with labor law violations

By Alex V. Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—After establishing a name in championing social causes like people's rights and fighting unfair labor practice, the National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) has found itself on the other side of the fence.

Three staff members of NCCP-owned radio station dySR filed a complaint before the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC) to seek back wages after they were allegedly demoted and their salaries were allegedly reduced.

The complainants were station manager Nancy Ugsad-Estolloso, news director Jhonggie Rumol and announcer David Bryan Cortes.

Estolloso was allegedly demoted to program director and Rumol, to secretary. It was not mentioned in the complaint what position Cortes was demoted to.

The three asked the NLRC to order the NCCP, an umbrella organization of protestant denominations in the Philippines, to give them back wages and 13th month pay as well as to have them covered by the Social Security System (SSS).

Named respondents in the case were NCCP General Secretary Sharon Rose Duremdes and the board of the Ecumenical Broadcast System Foundation, Inc. (EBSFI), an NCCP foundation that runs the radio station.

The case stemmed from a memorandum issued by Bishop Erme Camba dated July 21, 2003, advising her that starting Aug. 1, her salary would be P6,000 from the P10,000 that she receives as station manager.

Estolloso was told in a memorandum signed by Camba that her position was abolished by the EBSFI as part of moves to re-organize the station's entire operations allegedly upon the directives of EBSFI executive director, Rev. Ephraim Guerrero.

Camba was appointed as chief executive officer of the Dumaguete operations of the EBSFI effective July 18 this year after he wrote the EBSFI requesting the withdrawal of Estolloso's appointment due to alleged incompetence, lack of experience and having no "connections," among others.

Camba, meanwhile, told reporters that the case was an "internal matter" and that this was already being looked into by the NCCP.

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TERESA MARQUEZ: SOCIAL WORKER

When dreams overwhelm an angry river

By Jeffrey M. Tupas
Kidapawan City

MARIA Teresa Marquez loved social work so much that she did not mind traveling to the remotest areas of the Buliok Complex in Pikit, North Cotabato, to help deliver the needs of people displaced by the recent government war on the Moro Islamic Liberation Front.

Teresa's father Leonardo said she found happiness in working with the people of the area, perhaps because as a child, she was also a survivor. The 26-year-old volunteer for the Save the Children Foundation had been working with displaced people in Buliok since April.

"She used to tell me how she had been touched by the plight of these people and how she found joy in working with them. She found accomplishment in giving other people happiness and hope," Leonardo said.

So it came as no surprise to both her colleagues and family that Teresa was always radiant and in high spirits, even in difficult situations.

"On that day, we distributed mats, blankets and mosquito nets during the ground-breaking ceremonies in Buliok. She seemed so radiant. She was in high spirits and (joined) in distributing items that could make the lives of the internally displaced persons a little better," Cynthia Guerra, program officer of the foundation, said.

When Teresa (Inday to her family) was extra-radiant on Aug. 16, nobody suspected it was her way of bidding goodbye, permanently.

Even Wilfreda, her mother, had no inkling her daughter's life would end on that day. Not even when Teresa failed to send her text messages on that day. Even in her busiest moments, Teresa never forget to say sweet nothings to her mother.

Later that day, Wilfreda said the family learned that Teresa was one of the two missing persons when a Marine speedboat capsized in the "angry" river.

Teresa was with 13 other people, including Guerra, and was to join Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman in Barangay Bago-inged in Pikit for a visit to returning residents.

The speedboat, which the military described as a vessel that could withstand the huge waves of the Celebes Sea, was cruising the turbulent Rio Grande de Mindanao when it suddenly overturned and capsized.

"It all happened in a flash. I surrendered myself to the Lord right that very moment, saying, 'Lord, I lift up my family to you,'" Guerra said.

Guerra said that except for Teresa, whom her colleagues fondly called Tarizah, and Mike Borromeo of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, all of the boat's passengers were immediately accounted for.

On Sunday morning, Borromeo's body was fished out of Barangay Kalbugan in Pagalungan, Maguindanao.

As Teresa remained missing, her colleagues and her family continued to hope she was swept away but alive.

Out of coverage

Aveen Acuña-Gulo, a United Nations volunteer who also writes for the weekly Cotabato City-based The Mindanao Cross, said she kept on ringing Teresa's mobile phone until the wee hours of Aug. 16.

Acuña-Gulo, who regarded Teresa as her younger sister, wrote in her diary that she was already gripped by fear but still continued to try her luck at establishing contact with Teresa.

"It's now 6:30 in the evening and nature says it's time to rest. Operations have been called off to recollect on this fateful day. I can't hold back my tears. Tere's cell phone responds with '... out of the coverage area ...'," she wrote.

Acuña-Gulo said she became fidgety when she heard the news. "I am so protective of her as my little sister—her joys, her sadness, anxieties and dreams. When I heard the news, I kept talking, 'Day, hold on. Hold on,'" she later told this writer.

The next day, the search for Teresa continued but without success.

It was only on Tuesday when those waiting for the result of the search confirmed their worst fear.

Teresa's bloated body was fished out of Kalbugan, near the area where Borromeo's cadaver had earlier been retrieved.

Like Teresa's mother and her entire family, Acuña-Gulo passed through a difficult period in accepting the fate of her "little sister and best friend."

"From denial came processing then acceptance. God in His divine wisdom allowed this to happen, for us, the living to reflect on," she wrote in her journal.

A sickly child

Teresa spent her elementary years in the Notre Dame of Cotabato for Girls, her high school at the San Vicente Academy, and college at the Notre Dame University, both in Cotabato City. She had a B.S. Management degree.

She was the fourth in a brood of five.

"She was a sickly child. Every now and then we were at the hospital," her mother said. Leonardo said her daughter was a survivor, having battled leukemia at a very young age.

She also endured a congenital heart disease that only went away when she was already 10 years old.

"But she was born very healthy. She was so beautiful that even doctors and hospital workers admired her. After I gave birth to her, a doctor told me on my bed, 'What are you doing there? Get up and look at your very beautiful child,'" Wilfreda said.

Leonardo said Teresa had so many dreams for herself and for her family.

When she turned 26 last June 13, Leonardo said she asked him if she was already thinking about settling down with Philip, her boyfriend. "She told me maybe that when she's already 30. I told her not to wait until she's old enough to marry," Wilfreda recalled her conversation with Teresa on that day.

The night before she went to Buliok, Leonardo said the family discussed his worsening health condition. Leonardo is a diabetic and has hypertension, and the malfunctioning of his kidneys, heart and lungs are complicating his illness.

Wilfreda said that when they were through with the discussion, Teresa whispered to her: "Mang, wait for me on Thursday and I'll give you something."

"That could be for the hospitalization of her father," she said.

Then she turned to her father and said: "Let us just pray. We will survive this."

Sacred

Marine commander Col. Ben Dolorfino, head of the retrieval operation, said that until now, he could not discern how a tested vessel like the ill-fated speedboat would capsize in a water much less turbulent than the high seas.

Dolorfino said the V-bottomed vessel had been confiscated from drug traffickers, who had crossed the South China Sea to other countries.

MA. TERESA Marquez. Happiness in serving other people shows in the face of this social worker.
PHOTO COURTESY OF UNMDP

Acuña-Gulo, quoting another UN volunteer Hyriah Candao, said it was a shared belief among Maguindanaoans (people of the flooded plains) that the area, especially the route to Buliok, was so sacred that cruising it needed certain rituals.

"Outsiders should pay tribute to the place by giving gold. And it is a must that when crossing the river, people should be silent as a sign of respect. Without the foregoing, a mishap would be in the offing," Acuña-Gulo said.

Journalist Keith Bacongco said some passengers of the other boats became so unruly that Marine soldiers had to call their attention.

"This is another incident that affirms that we are not separate from nature. The Manobos of Mount Kitanglad believe that outsiders have to pay respects to the spirits of the mountain if only to secure their safety," Acuña-Gulo said.

People of Buliok dream of being left in peace by MILF, gov't soldiers

By Maria Cecil Laguardia
North Cotabato

ASKED what message he would like to tell the people, Datu Muhammad Pendatun, barangay chair of Buliok in Pikit, North Cotabato, nonchalantly answered, "*Sayang lang ang sasabihin ko, walang nakikinig* (My words would just be wasted. Nobody would listen)."

GOVERNMENT soldiers advance toward suspected hideouts of MILF guerrillas in the Buliok complex in Maguindanao.
VAL HANDUMON/PDI FILE

Pressed to say it, he said, "*Sana umalis na ang military at MILF sa Buliok para makapamuhay na kami ng tahimik* (I wish the military and the MILF would leave so that we can live peacefully)."

Buliok's more than 3,000 residents were awakened by a deafening crescendo of gunfire and fear in February when the military decided to capture the complex where the late Moro Islamic Liberation Front chair Salamat Hashim's headquarters was located.

The former rebel stronghold is now intensely guarded by soldiers of the 36th Marine Company. Visitors will not miss the guard posts along the banks of the Pulangi River that encircles the complex.

The residents were forced to leave their homes when the government launched a war in February. Some of the evacuees had to walk for two days to reach nearby towns.

Judging from the craters and felled coconut trees caused by the mortar bombs that had landed on Buliok, the people had all the reasons to seek flee to where they thought they would be safe.

Aiza Meliton, 29, a Maguindanaon mother of four, described the shelling as "*matindi, noon lang ako nakarinig ng ganung mga putok* (Intense. It was the first time I heard those types of explosions)."

"*Nakakatakot talaga. Kung nakakatakot sa matatanda, papano pa sa mga bata?* (It was scary, If the grown-ups were frightened, how much more the children?)" Meliton added.

The war landed on the front pages of newspapers, drawing national interest from a once-unknown far-flung village of Maguindanao.

Buliok's mystique lies in its location, bounded on both sides by the Pulangi River that flows through the esoteric Rio Grande River, and the Liguasan Marsh. From the town of Pagalungan, one passes through Pikit's villages—Talitay, Rajah Muda and Bagoinged—through a 30-minute jeepney ride before reaching the riverbank where a mini-wharf is located. The boat trip to Buliok costs P5.

MARINES walk past the destruction caused by a 500-lb bomb dropped on MILF areas in the Buliok complex.
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The 20-minute boat ride can keep one in awe. Despite the Pulangi River's thick, brown-colored water and fearsome current, it still exudes an enticing beauty that only the place can possess.

Buliok's main livelihoods are fishing and farming. But without irrigation and the farmers relying only on rains, harvest is done only once a year.

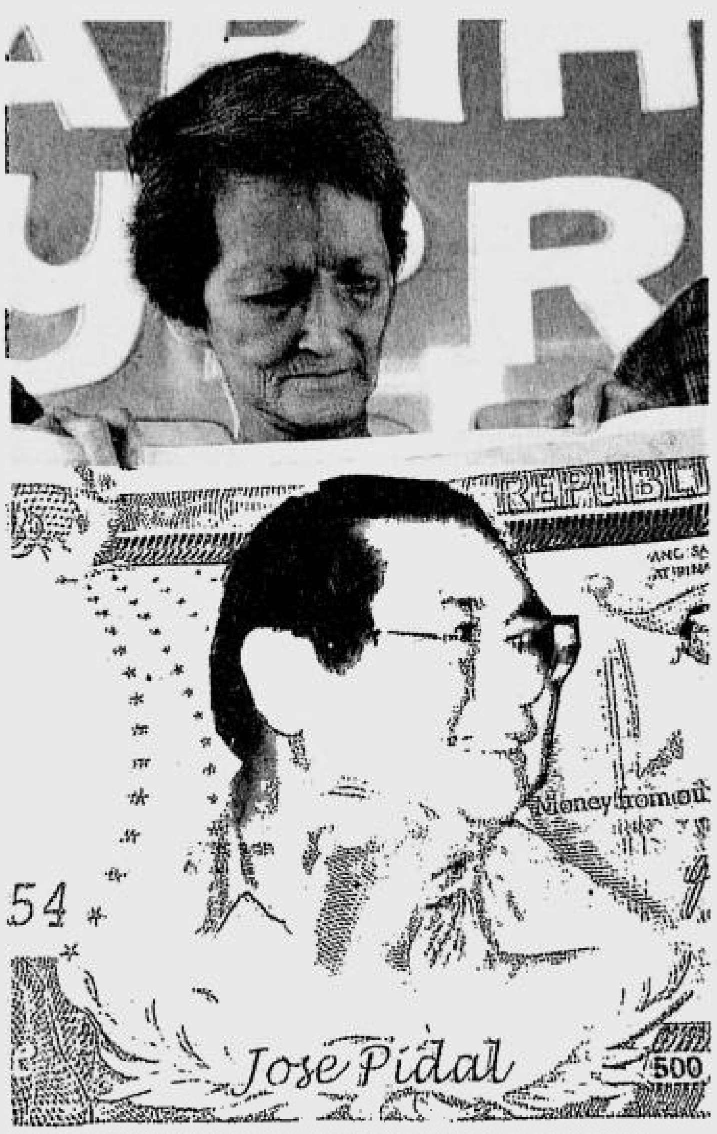
Fishing is the more convenient way to earn a living. Most of the boats are manually rowed because fishermen can hardly afford a motorized vessel. Daily catch is sold at nearby markets.

Datu Muhammad said he has grown to love the place. He was convinced by his uncle, Salipada Pendatun, to lead the people of Buliok and he has since lived there since 1994.

Buliok is composed of five small communities—Sitio Midsayap, Sapakan 1 and 2, and Buliok 1 and 2. It has more or less 1,700 households. During the war, some 350 houses were razed.

The government, through the Department of Social Welfare and Development, has started a core shelter project for the victims.

Datu Muhammad declared that the people of Buliok were for peace. He just hoped their requests were heard "para mabuhay na kami nang tahimik tulad noon (so we can live in peace like before)."



THE DETERIORATING peso has a new face, according to a militant group which dismisses the PNP finding on the "Jose Pidal" signature as an assault on justice during a press conference in Quezon City yesterday. JOAN BONDOC

Mike A doesn't mind twisting in the wind

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count on protection from her office, because it was the country that she was married to.

Yesterday, for good measure, she said it again on radio: "I am leaving it to my husband to defend himself." And again she drew the lines: "I do not interfere in his personal activities, as I do not allow him to interfere in my governance."

What's a husband to do?

Fortunately, it seems he can count on Patricia Bunye-Roxas, his devoted spokesperson, who's been courageously facing unsympathetic reporters and unfriendly television cameras.

Even cinema's Incredible Hulk has three very loyal friends.

Roxas said "some" people found the President's statement "negative," but that even Arroyo agreed his wife should not lift a finger in his defense. "(It) is also his position ... that this is how it should be, that the charges should be made solely against him."

Asked if this likewise meant that Arroyo would no longer be seen with the President on official engagements, Roxas said: "It should not be taken in that context. What we're saying is that when there are allegations against the First Gentleman, they should not be linked to the President."

Was that a yes?

To Palace observers' surprise, Roxas had come to her former and present boss' rescue, turning her back on the resignation she swiftly submitted when her father, Ignacio Bunye, was appointed Palace spokesperson in July 2002. She didn't want people to think they had "cornered the market," she said.

Now she has her guns trained on Arroyo's accuser, Sen. Panfilo Lacson. The solon was being unfair to the Philippine National Police, she said, for doubting its conclusion that the signatures of Arroyo and his alleged dummy, one "Jose Pidal" were "different."

And might she point out that Lacson had come from the PNP?

The First Gentleman had been "emotionally affected" by the charges, Roxas said, especially since Lacson had "chosen to play it in the media rather than file the charges in court."

What this clearly proved, the vigilant spokesperson said, was that the senator was making "these baseless accusations" to divert attention from his own troubles.

Not about Mike

The President's apparent coldness could really be a vote of confidence for the beleaguered husband. She believes he is being picked on precisely because she is married to the country.

She has dismissed the allegations of corruption and money-laundering against him as a plot to discredit her. "They are attacking the First Family to destroy the credibility of the President," she said in her weekly radio address.

But no, she will not take the bait. "I am not intervening in this issue, no matter what happens.

At worst, she said, she was "saddened" by this attempt to thwart her administration's effort at good governance.

She reiterated that her husband had earlier challenged his accusers to present evidence in court.

Lacson, one of the government's most vocal critics, said corruption "thrives and enjoys incredible and unprecedented growth" under Ms Macapagal.

In her radio message, the President acknowledged that the government did lose billions of pesos yearly to corruption. But she vowed to recover what has been lost.

"We'll fight corruption in the same degree as we are fighting terrorism and poverty," she said. "It is important not just to punish those who steal, but also to recover what they have stolen."

In recent months, Ms Macapagal has been conducting a high-profile campaign against corruption, which includes "lifestyle checks" on government employees.

Critics have challenged her and her political allies to undergo lifestyle checks themselves.

The First Gentleman has strongly denied all allegations against him, calling them lies and a smoke screen for criminal charges that his accuser faces.

Lacson has been accused of involvement in drug trafficking, and of allowing the summary execution of a group of suspected bank robbers called Kuratong Baleleng.

Best of all, he has also been accused of money-laundering and keeping secret bank accounts—abroad.

A female Cabinet member said Ms Macapagal was right to shield the presidency from attacks aimed at her husband.

Labor Secretary Patricia Sto.Tomas said the President's move showed "how serious she is in serving the country."

Adulterers?

It's "almost an unspoken arrangement," Sto. Tomas said, that for a government official, the family should take a back seat.

"I think most of us take a similar kind of vow," she said. Meaning, like Ms Macapagal, government officials should feel married to the country.

And those who break the vow—for instance the increasing number of officials failing the lifestyle check—should be considered adulterers? No wonder they all think they could get off lightly. *With reports from AFP, AP and Reuters*

GMA defends Iglesia ni Cristo

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sinuating that this is being used for other means is condemnable."

The INC statement said that the religious group plans to file a libel case against this paper on Monday saying "that they forgot the first doctrine in journalism, which is to verify (the) authenticity of the document used as the basis for the banner headline."

Not fugitive from justice

In the President's statement, she said that Honasan "is not a fugitive from justice" so, "there is no point in speculating on where he is staying or visiting as if those whom he meets or whom he visits are committing a crime," the President said.

But early this week the President berated reporter GMA 7 Tina Panganiban-Perez, who was the first local journalist to interview Honasan after coup charges were filed against the senator in the Department of Justice for his alleged involvement in the July 27 Oakwood mutiny.

The President told the reporter that she was "abetting rebellion."

National Security Adviser Roilo Golez issued a formal statement denying the existence of an intelligence document linking the INC as Honasan's protector.

Golez said he checked with various intelligence units of the government and "they all categorically denied knowledge of such a document."

"That is a spurious report that is most likely the handiwork of a group aiming to mislead the public on the senator's whereabouts or to sow intrigue within the religious community by giving the case a religious color," Golez stressed.

Maj. Gen. Pedro Cabuay, chief of the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, said the intelligence report "did not come from the AFP."

He's partly right.

Inquirer copy

The INQUIRER has a copy of the document which summarizes the various assessments of all the government intelligence agencies including that of Malacañang, the Armed Forces and the Philippine National Police.

Two names were mentioned in the intelligence document allegedly giving protection to Honasan and who were allegedly directly responsible for linking Honasan to the INC.

But the two names mentioned are members of the Philippine Guardians Brotherhood Inc. (PGBI) and not members of the INC.

The assessment contained in the document covers the period from July to August.

Police Intelligence Director Chief Supt. Arturo Lumibao in a phone interview appeared surprised about the said document obtained by the INQUIRER.

Gringo was not here

In Tuguegarao City, the top police official in Cagayan vowed to resign from his post if it would be proven Honasan was indeed in the province on Aug. 16 and met with members of the Guardian fraternity.

The INQUIRER had reported that witnesses had seen Honasan in Tuguegarao last Sunday.

Supt. Rodrigo de Gracia, Cagayan police director, said the "rumor" that Honasan was in Cagayan had started circulating in the province on Aug. 10 but upon verification, this information proved to be false.

Senior Supt. Melecio Asis, acting Cagayan Valley police director, said they are conducting an investigation to establish the "real story" behind reports that Honasan met with Guardian members.

"I have instructed Senior Supt. Rodrigo de Gracia to give a report within 24 hours. Meantime, we have yet to confirm such reports," Asis told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Asis, however, said that he would not arrest Honasan should he be seen in the region because the court has yet to issue an arrest warrant against him.

De Gracia said he had been talking to Tuguegarao police officials, members of the police intelligence community and police officials in nearby towns but they informed him that Honasan was never seen in their areas.

"If ever Gringo was here, I must have known it right away," he said.

No such room

De Gracia also noted that the (Page A1) INQUIRER photograph of the room where Honasan and Guardian members supposedly met could not be in Tuguegarao City because as far as he knew, there is no hotel or restaurant function room in the city resembling that room.

He said hotels in the city are located in the commercial district, and information on Honasan's presence would have immediately spread.

De Gracia said an informant in Isabela told him that Honasan was seen in San Manuel, Isabela. But he said the information was only a rumor as his informant could not confirm it.

Spotted here and there

On Aug. 10, reports spread that Honasan was supposedly seen in Barangay Roma in Enrile town, 15 km from Tuguegarao City. Honasan was supposedly seen playing basketball with teenagers in that remote village.

De Gracia also dismissed reports that Honasan could be in the northern town of Sta. Ana, which is more than two hours' drive from this city. He said the senator's presence in Sta. Ana could be easily known because Marine soldiers are stationed there.

"If Gringo was here, I would immediately seek the advice of the chief PNP (Philippine National Police chief, Director General Hermogenes Ebdane Jr.) on what to do and monitor him without let up," De Gracia said.

Maj. Rogelio Migote, the Army's 5th Infantry Division spokesman, said they have no reports that Honasan was anywhere in Cagayan Valley.

Military intelligence sources claimed that a telephone call, purportedly from Honasan, was traced somewhere in Cagayan Valley but they could not identify the location.

Baguio City

In Baguio City, Assistant City Prosecutor Elmer Sagsago, head of Bayang Pino, one of the local chapters of the Guardian fraternity there, also denied reports that Honasan met with some Guardian members in late July as the INQUIRER had reported.

"I do not know if he came here last July. I never saw him. It might be the other groups," Sagsago told the INQUIRER in a telephone interview. *With reports from TJ Burgonio, Villamor Visaya Jr. and Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

GMA at PMA: No meeting with Trillanes wife

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Trillanes was to have helped the mathematics department brief the President on the PMA's new curriculum, but that she was able to convince Claravall that her fellow professors were better equipped to make the presentation.

Most of the reporters were unaware of Orejana-Trillanes' presence, and were oblivious when she left the hall.

When they asked Adan about her, the PMA superintendent said she had helped welcome the President.

But in a final press briefing that night, Adan said Ms Macapagal was ready to meet anyone who wanted an audience with her, including Trillanes' wife.

"Ms Macapagal did not ask for her but since there was no initiative from Orejana-Trillanes... we respect her decision," Adan said.

Ms Macapagal was late for the hastily scheduled command visit. When she finally arrived past 7 p.m.—after a six-hour trip from Manila through heavy rains brought by typhoon Niña—she dropped much of the ceremony that the academy had prepared for her and proceeded to the dinner with the cadets.

But before then, she spent about 20 minutes in a briefing with senior professors and cadets at the office of the PMA superintendent, Maj. Gen. Edilberto Adan.

Private person

Since July 27, when the Magdalo group seized the Oakwood Premier building in Makati City, PMA officials and employees had protected Orejana-Trillanes from the media, according to a PMA official.

"We always tried to shield her from you [the media] because she is such a private person," the official said. "What happened [to her husband] should not affect their private lives and their children."

For a time, officials did not even react to the rumor that she had taken a leave of absence to be by her husband's side. But since July 27, she has maintained a quiet routine, lecturing cadets by day and nurturing her two children at night.

Among 1st 7 female cadets

Orejana-Trillanes had played a low-key role at the PMA since 1997, when she was among the first seven women who graduated from the academy.

A colleague of hers in the Kalasag-Lahi Class of 1997 said this was uncharacteristic of one of the PMA's more popular female cadets between 1993 and 1997.

As one of the first women in the PMA, Orejana-Trillanes was constantly featured by the INQUIRER in the course of its documenting the female cadets' accomplishments.

She graduated with honors, earned the academy's social sciences award, and disappeared from the limelight after marrying Trillanes, an upperclassman.

She again made the pages of the INQUIRER when she returned to the academy to guide the third and fourth batches of female cadets.

Back seat to married life

PMA officials had asked the first women graduates to take turns monitoring the progress of the younger female cadets, in order to determine whether women had been properly assimilated into the PMA.

But Orejana-Trillanes said males remained in awe of their female mistahs (classmates), making assimilation difficult.

In that interview conducted in 2000, Orejana-Trillanes admitted that her career had taken a back seat to married life.

She also said her public life as the show window for gender-based liberalism in the military had never been welcome.

Her attempt to survive in a "normal environment" again suffered a setback when her husband, his fellows in PMA Marilag Class of 1995, and more than 300 soldiers staged the Oakwood mutiny.

Most of the military officials present to welcome Ms Macapagal Friday night were speculating how she and Orejana-Trillanes would eventually greet each other.

Orejana-Trillanes had positioned herself near the building's rear staircase, accompanied by Maj. Dennis Bumanglag, chief of the Armed Forces civil relations service for Northern Luzon. On the staircase stood non-commissioned officers, who were observing her intently.

Bumanglag, a member of PMA Sambisig Class of 1991, engaged the tense Orejana-Trillanes in a discussion about her career and jokes about the mutiny. She appeared to have relaxed for a while, but when her mistah, Navy Lt. Marissa Andres, announced the President's impending arrival, she seemed tense again.

When a few reporters started to approach, Orejana-Trillanes excused herself and went to the hallway where PMA civilian professors were talking.

She stayed behind the scenes until Ms Macapagal arrived with former Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson in tow.

After 49 years, Sin is full of memories

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ciation (Mapsa) as a gift to Sin.

The huge book, covered with kids' drawings and colors, is displayed in the memorabilia room for Sin at the Arzobispado de Manila, where he held office when he became archbishop in 1974.

Priceless gifts

Next to the memorabilia room is the museum, which contains the priceless gifts given to Sin and Rufino Cardinal Santos. This is where Sin's report cards from high school to college are laminated and kept in a glass case.

Near the report cards stands a gift from Pope John Paul II, a silver chalice used in the Mass for the beatification of the first Filipino saint, Lorenzo Ruiz, in Manila on Feb. 18, 1981.

A painting of flowers done by former President Corazon Aquino hangs on a wall of Sin's private quarters at the Arzobispado, which have been unoccupied since he became too week to go there.

Rosales said Sin also kept in that office a book given to him by Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

The missalette, name tag, ballpen and even room assignment that Sin brought back from the second conclave he attended at the Vatican are kept in another Cabinet.

A conclave is an assembly of cardinals gathering from all over the world to elect a pope. Sin has been to two such assemblies since he became a cardinal in 1976, and once stayed several rooms away from Karol Wojtyla, then bishop of Poland and now known as Pope John Paul II.

The medal of the Order of Sikatuna, the highest recognition accorded great Filipinos, is encased in the memorabilia room that also houses sculptures, figurines, coins, and other presents given by dignitaries and politicians both here and abroad.

For his "devoted and unceasing service ... most especially in grateful appreciation of [his] historic role at the 1986 People Power Revolution at Edsa," Sin received from yet another former President, Joseph Estrada, the ancient Order of Sikatuna carrying the rank of datu, during his silver jubilee as a bishop in 1999.

"For Estrada to recognize that is something," Rosales said, noting how Sin had been outspoken against the evils of the Estrada administration.

Sin was instrumental in the toppling of the Marcos dictatorship through Edsa I in 1986. Just over a year after receiving the medal of the order of Sikatuna, Sin declared that "President Estrada has lost his moral ascendancy to govern." Shortly thereafter, Edsa II led to Estrada's ouster.

Once upon a time when he was a young priest, Sin declared that "politics is much too important to leave in the hands of politicians."

Sin glorified

Rosales said Sin became "very popular" abroad when Pope Paul VI named him cardinal, the world's youngest at 47.

His surname also caught the attention of his colleagues, who said it was "the only time that SIN is glorified."

Rosales, who has kept watch over the gifts since 1998 until last week, when he was appointed chancellor of the new diocese of Pasig, noted that of all the precious gifts kept by Sin, he was particularly keen on the preservation of one.

A thick book titled "A Collection of Painting and Calligraphy Made for Charity in Aid of the Disabled" lies inside a cabinet that contains other gifts from the diocese of Shanghai in China.

The book itself is nothing special, but the givers—Xin Oing Biao and Chen Jin Peng, Sin's long-lost nephews from China—hold a special place in the cardinal's heart. They handed him the book on June 14, 1987, when he visited that country.

"It means a lot to him. He has been away from his family for so long," Rosales said, adding that the archives' maintenance staff was very careful to preserve the book per the cardinal's request.

Sin's father was a Chinese merchant from Amoy, South China, who met and married Maxima Lachica, a Spanish mestiza from Kalibo, Aklan. Sin is second to the youngest of 16 children.

"Cardinal Sin has achieved almost everything that a bishop would need and want in his life," Rosales said, adding:

"But I know that on his birthday, the gifts will pour in again, and every little gift will still excite him because he believes that what is given from the heart should be received from the heart."

'Gov't running amuck'

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE GOVERMENT is "running amuck," according to the lawyer of Sen. Gregorio Honasan in its manhunt for the opposition senator.

"The government, or at least its attack dogs, are running amuck. They're making accusations left and right against innocent civilians and institutions because of their failure to address the situation," lawyer Daniel Gutierrez said in a phone interview.

While admitting that he did not know where Honasan was hiding, and that the senator just calls him by telephone, Gutierrez said he "seriously doubts" reports that Honasan was hiding in an INC safehouse in Culiat, Quezon City.

"I don't know. I seriously doubt it. I'm a little disturbed by the implications since the INC is seen as not being supportive of the administration," Gutierrez said.

"The few times that we have met since our meeting in Congress was certainly not in Culiat," he added.

Justice Undersecretary Jose Calida also said that the report should be confirmed first, adding that the actual persons hiding Honasan, and not the Iglesia ni Cristo, could be held liable for obstruction of justice if it were true.

But Calida said the Department of Justice was puzzled why Honasan has not surfaced although the state of rebellion had been lifted.

New …

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Like an embryo?

A focus of research was the Philippine seal, after it was noted that the sea lion in it had been reduced to something that looked like "a six-month-old embryo." The image and color had apparently been altered in the course of administration changes.

Assistant Secretary Ma. Fatima Valdez, chief of the Internal House Affairs Office (Ihao), confirmed the order for new carpets, and even new draperies to replace the shabby ones still hanging in some rooms of the Palace.

But Valdez denied that the goings-on were due to the forthcoming Bush visit. She said the orders were placed last year, long before President Bush agreed to come to the Philippines.

She declined to name the carpet maker, merely saying that it was "a Filipino company," and that they hoped it would deliver in time for the October event. She also declined to reveal the cost of the carpets.

During Ms Macapagal's visit to the US in 2001, some members of the party learned that the White House carpet with the seal was "made in the Philippines." This inspired the special order, Valdez said.

Children of convicted soldiers …

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came close friends and confidantes in the course of their visits to their fathers in jail.

When the month of August comes around and the national attention is turned to the commemoration of the murder of Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino Jr. and his supposed assassin Rolando Galman on Aug. 21, 1983, the two young women share a sense of frustration and fruitlessness.

"I always think this will pass," said Mary Ann.

Weng is more dismissive: "It's that time of the year again but nothing really good happens. There are no changes. Our fathers are still behind bars."

"Maybe it's time to reopen the case again to reveal the real mastermind," Mary Ann said. "They've been [in jail] long enough. I wish [the authorities] would think of the soldiers and their families."

After hurdling one obstacle after another, the two women seem to have a bright future ahead. Yet they dare to dream just one more dream.

"I hope this would all end and my family can be together again," Mary Ann said.

Heavy burden

As it is, with her mother working abroad as a nurse, Mary Ann has on her thin shoulders the burden of keeping her family together.

The responsibility seems daunting.

Her younger sister Jackie, 20, has left the custody of their guardian, their aunt Teresita.

"*Nag-stokwa* (She stowed away)," Mary Ann told the INQUIRER, adding:

"She is sort of rebellious and refuses to consider the fact that she is wrong. We always fight because of this. She hates being lectured by me. She won't admit she is wrong."

Mary Ann also said Jackie had refused to visit their father anymore. "Some people have told me that Jackie got married. But I don't really know the truth," she added.

Before she left home, Jackie asked for money to pay her college tuition. But Mary Ann later discovered that her sister had not enrolled for over a year.

Their brother Erwin, a third year student at the Philippine Marine Institute, has had his own share of difficulties in school. "He is more of a rebel than Jackie because of his friends," Mary Ann said.

Mary Ann attributed their woes to their current condition.

"It's been really difficult without our parents," she sighed. "Without the presence of the parents, the children feel lost. Our mother is abroad to work and there is no one to watch over us, to discipline us. And we need parental guidance. What can I do when my father is inside? He tells me to look after them, to carry the burden."

'Crime they didn't do'

In Lipa City, retired Army Col. Nicetas Katigbak said he had been keeping piles of letters from Moreno and CIC Mario Lazaga.

"Up to now, I still keep the letters [wherein they asked] me to help their families," Katigbak said. "Their families went hungry, have become poorer, and have been broken apart. The [soldiers] have no money and up to now, they bear the punishment for the crime they didn't do."

The letters keep coming, some from the soldiers' families, informing Katigbak of what had been happening and seeking financial assistance.

"What hurts so much is that even if I wanted to, I couldn't help them, my own men, because the Aquinos might suspect me, too," he said.

Katigbak was commander of the Philippine Constabulary component of the Aviation Security Command (Avsecom), where Moreno and Lazaga had been detailed.

On Aug. 20, 1983, the Avsecom requested the PC component to escort Ninoy Aquino on his arrival from exile. The Avsecom wanted tall men with a big build, like Aquino, to comprise the boarding party that would collect the ex-senator from inside the plane.

Lazaga and Moreno were proud of their height and build, a plus factor that helped them perform better in the PC, Katigbak said. He also described them as honest and good men.

"We chose four men to go there, but when the Avsecom officer came to fetch them, only Moreno and Lazaga were on duty," Katigbak recalled. "I wasn't there when they were picked up. My deputy at that time, Maj. Jesus Senador, was there, and told me that Moreno and Lazaga had been taken to go with the Avsecom soldiers to fetch Ninoy."

Lazaga and Moreno were the ones behind Aquino when he went down to the tarmac of the then Manila International Airport. It was Lazaga who carried Aquino's bag.

On the day of Aquino's arrival, Katigbak was with Avsecom chief Brig. Gen. Luther Custodio and an aide at the second floor of the MIA when they heard that someone has been shot.

Custodio and his aide rushed down the stairs while Katigbak headed to the exit path that he thought Aquino would take. When no Aquino showed up, he went to the other exit path.

"There, I met Lazaga still clutching Ninoy's bag in his hand," Katigbak said. "He told me that Ninoy had been shot. He said he and Moreno were behind Ninoy when suddenly a man wearing a blue uniform sneaked from behind them and shot Ninoy."

The man in blue was Rolando Galman.

Letters keep coming

Katigbak retired in 1991, but the letters from his two men and their families continued to come. For 20 years, Katigbak kept all the letters and nursed the will to help Moreno and Lazaga's families.

"I have already talked to Noynoy [Aquino's only son and namesake] and told him that the boys just exercised their duties to meet and serve his father, but they had no knowledge of the assassination plot," Katigbak said, adding:

"But Noynoy never believed me. And my boys have been languishing in jail for 20 years now. After 20 years, was justice served to the Aquino family? How about the jailed soldiers?

"Twenty years ago, Cory Aquino [Aquino's widow and former President) wanted the soldiers to squeal on the mastermind. But what could they say of the things that they didn't know?"

Katigbak dismissed the then widespread speculation that the Marcos family had paid off the Avsecom soldiers.

"That is not true," he said. "They have become poorer than poor, separated, and still bear the curses that they don't deserve. Up to now, I still receive their letters, asking me to help them."

Moreno and Lazaga's initial letters to Katigbak have been yellowed by time. They themselves have aged but they continue to write him, holding on to the faith that justice would be within their grasp.

Innocent

Mary Ann Tarran recalled how Weng would react to people saying that her father might have killed Aquino.

"She reacts in a strong way. She would insist that her father was innocent," Mary Ann said.

She herself, she said, also reacted to comments on the role her father supposedly played on that fateful August day.

"When my friends comment on it, I would react too because my father was unwillingly part of it," she said. "I tell my friends that we don't know the real truth. They understand where I'm coming from."

Once during Mary Ann's history class, her professor made the mistake of saying that the soldiers involved in the double-murder case had been released from detention.

She said she stood up to say this was not true because her father was still in jail.

"I am saddened when people tend to judge my father, or even the other soldiers," Mary Ann said. "They don't know what really happened then. But that's their opinion. I can't convince them otherwise."

Weng Moreno has apparently been so traumatized that she refused to answer any questions from the INQUIRER.

"I am sorry. I am not ready to talk about that matter," she said curtly.

But later she relented, and said that growing up without her father had been hard on her.

"When I was younger, my father's incarceration and his absence were difficult to accept. But now that I'm older, it's different," she said.

Weng bristled at the idea that it was her father who pulled the trigger on Aquino.

"I don't believe he was involved at all," she declared. "I don't think he would do anything like that. I myself don't know the whole truth."

Weng had wanted to be a lawyer so she could defend her father and get him out of jail. But there were financial constraints, she said.

"I have to think positive about my father's predicament," she said. "If I felt negative at all, maybe my life would have taken a different direction."

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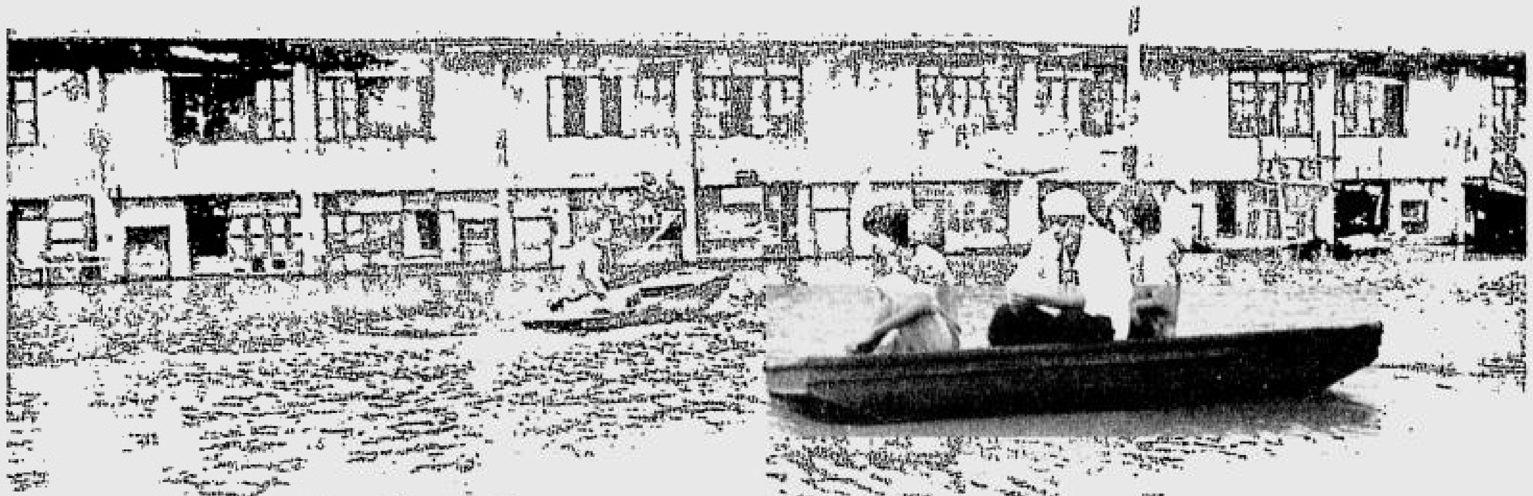
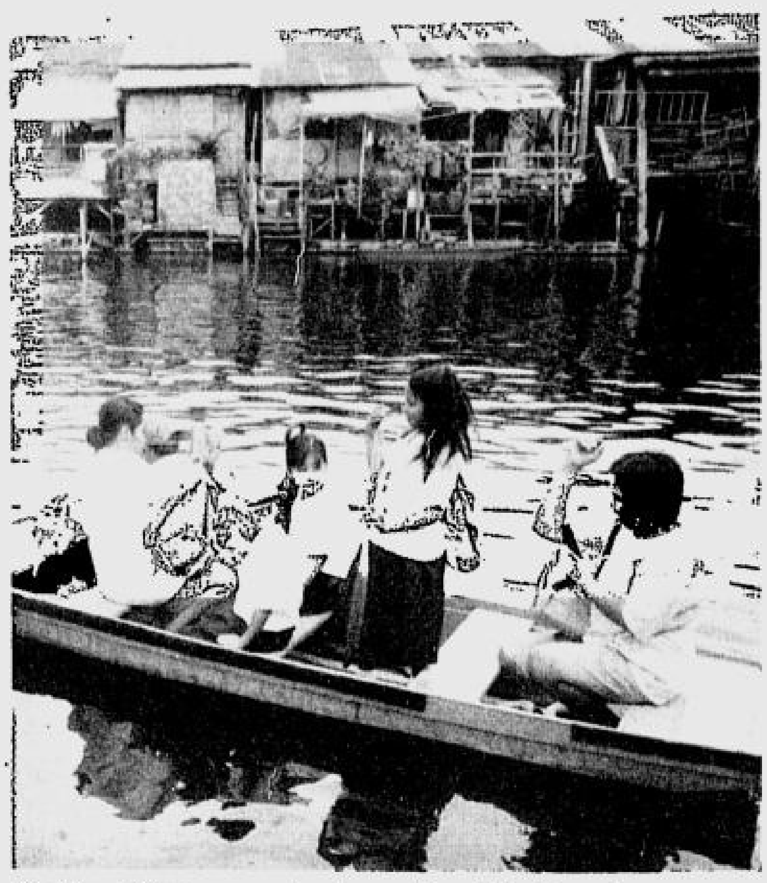




That the children are good swimmers is a safe bet to make.

In Malabon community, floors are seldom seen

By Edson Tandoc Jr.

MOST of the kids growing up in a remote compound in Malabon City are good swimmers. The residents there earn a living either by fishing or by paddling wooden bancas. The sight of small boats and houses rising out of deep waters reminds one of water villages common among Badjao communities off the shore of Mindanao. But the ARTEX compound in Malabon City is not located by a sea or in a lake.

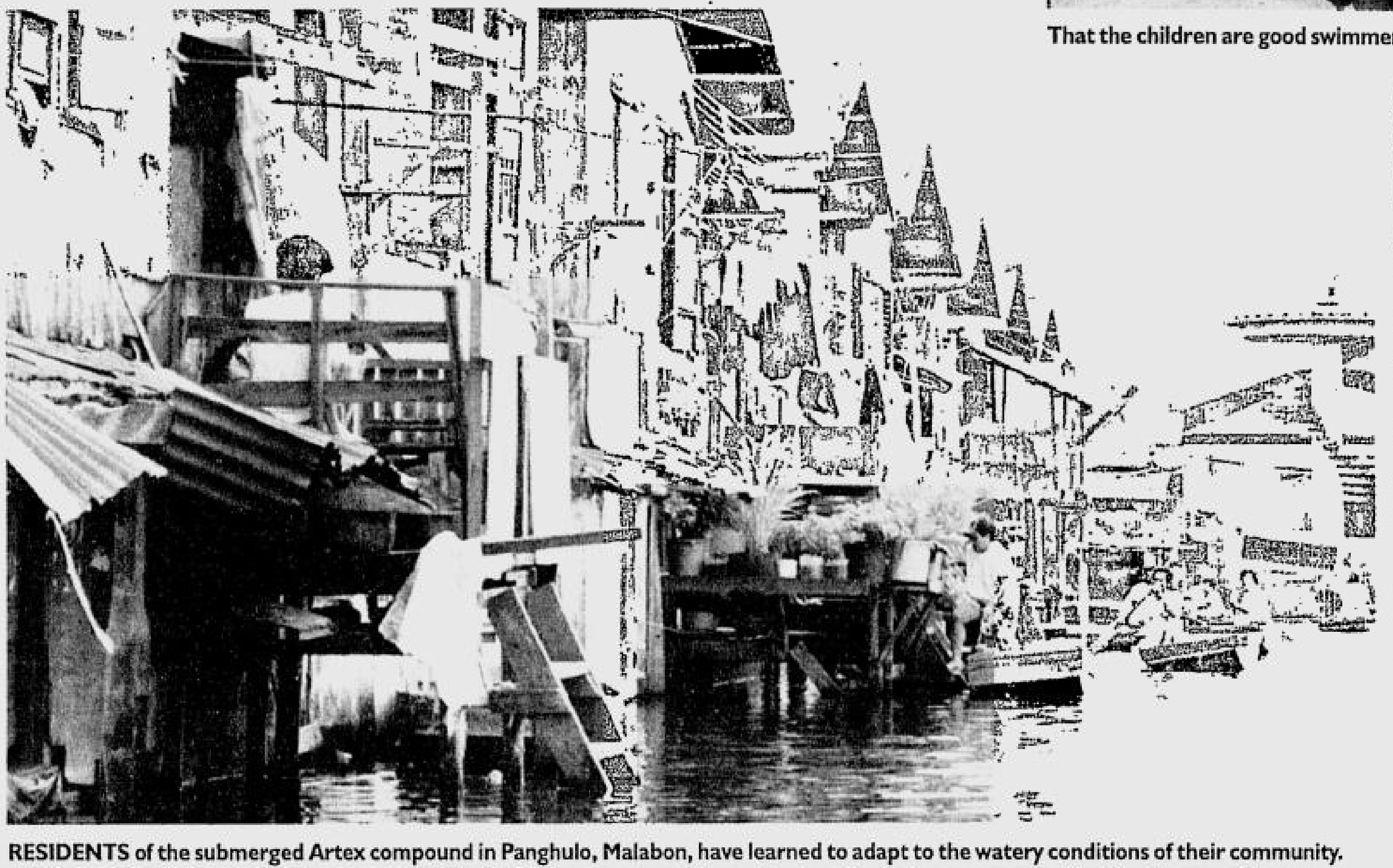
It is an area in Barangay Panghulo that has been under four feet of floodwater for more than a decade now.

When rains pour hard and the water level rises, the houses in the 20-hectare compound look like they have just risen from out of the sea, with big waves crashing into the shanties.

TALES OF THE CITY

While the residents experience a few weeks of dry land, most of their days are spent looking at the deep water flowing in the first floors of their two-story shanties.

Their only means of transportation are the wooden bancas. And they enter their houses through windows on the second floor.



RESIDENTS of the submerged Artex compound in Panghulo, Malabon, have learned to adapt to the watery conditions of their community. Residents lightly refer to their barangay as 'Mala-Venice,' a play on words used to describe their area as something like the sea-girt city of Venice in Italy.

Non-functioning pumps

About 300 families live in the ARTEX compound, which was once waterless. Most of the residents were former employees of ARTEX Textile Company, which closed down in 1989.

The compound used to be a billeting area for the textile workers. Anther Regudo, a barangay councilor, has been living in the area for 26 years. He arrived in the compound when he was still a college student, and worked part-time at the textile firm.

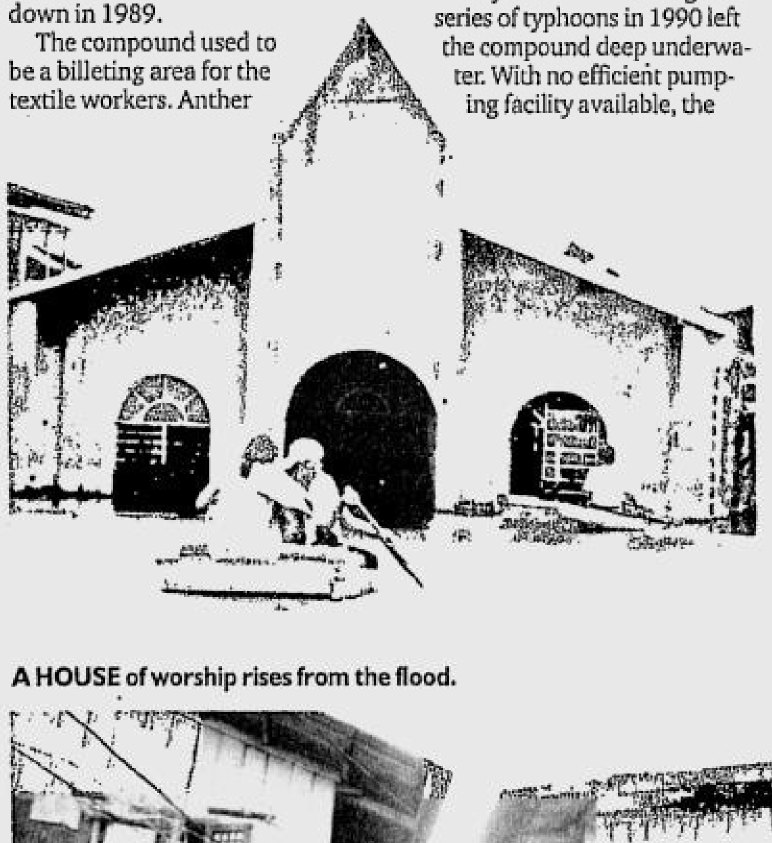
The ground level of the compound is lower compared to the surrounding areas in Malabon. When the ARTEX Company was still around, floodwater never reached high levels because the textile firm maintained two advanced pumps that removed the water from the compound.

When the company closed down as a result of labor strikes in 1989, the pumping facility seized functioning. A series of typhoons in 1990 left the compound deep underwater. With no efficient pumping facility available, the residents helplessly watched as the water level rose, swallowing the ground floors of their houses.

RESIDENTS drift by graven images of saints propped in a window of a house.

The absence of a pumping facility was aggravated by the mushrooming of subdivisions around the compound, turning former fishpens into land-filled residential areas in 1994.

From then on, the water level in the compound has averaged from a low of four feet to a high of seven feet, depending on the tide and ferocity of monsoon rains.



A HOUSE of worship rises from the flood.

But the residents rapidly adapted to their aquatic surroundings. Wooden bancas which, on the average, cost P4,500 each, became a necessity. Fishing became a daily activity. Basketball tournaments were replaced with swimming competitions.

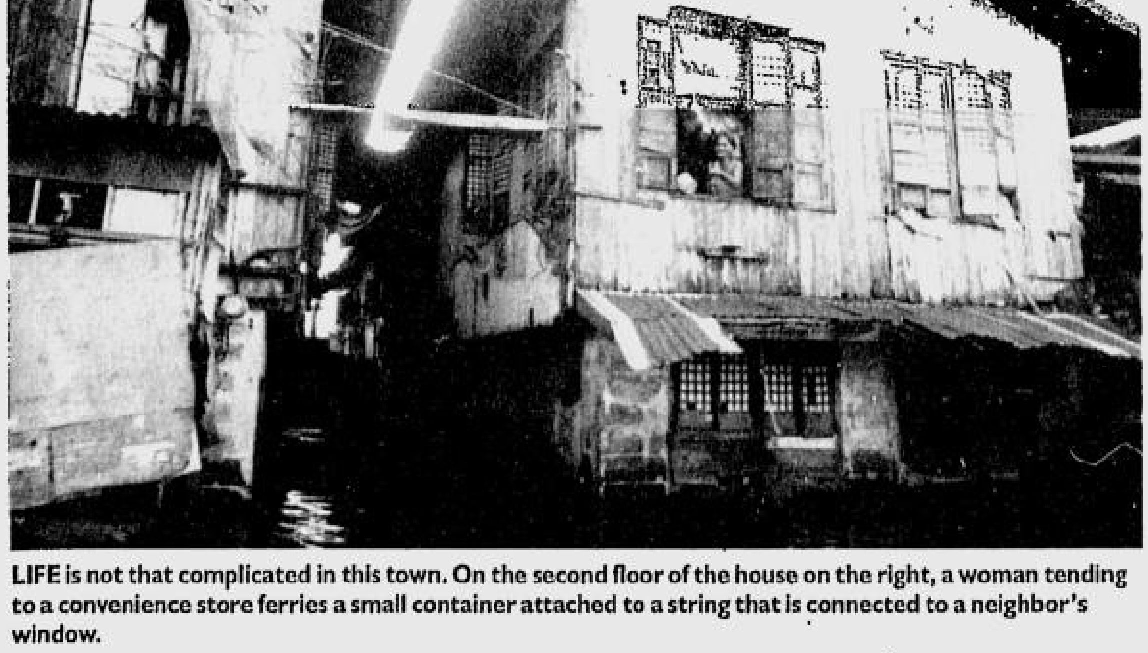
"This compound used to be the most beautiful and the happiest community in Malabon City," Regudo told the INQUIRER. "Now it is the saddest, especially when the water level rises."

Fiesta

But last May, the residents held a program to celebrate their fiesta. The residents organized a basketball tournament and a dance showdown. That month, the water also dried up, revealing the concrete floor of the compound, which the residents seldom see.

"When the compound is dry, we always line up big events so the residents could celebrate the rare occasions that our houses are not underwater," Regudo said.

But when the rains came in June, the residents went back to the second floors of their houses. The wooden bancas, mostly driven by kids, were again in use after the dry spell which lasted only a few weeks.



LIFE is not that complicated in this town. On the second floor of the house on the right, a woman tending to a convenience store ferries a small container attached to a string that is connected to a neighbor's window.

Ten year old Ipoy is a banca paddler. He earns about P20 a day by keeping his passengers dry from the time they leave their houses up to the time they go home from work.

He goes to school in the morning and paddles his banca in the afternoon.

Roger Anizal, ARTEX resident since 1980, said that it is a must for every family to own at least one banca.

"If you don't have one, it is so difficult to go around, visit your neighbors, or buy something from a sari-sari store," Anizal said. "One ride to a nearby house will cost you P3."

Sari-sari stores, all set up on the second floors of houses, have pails attached to strings. When someone on a banca peeps through the store's window to buy something, the item is put in the pail. The container is then reeled by hand to the buyer before it is pulled back up to the store.

The houses have makeshift rafts or landing places near their windows where residents could climb on from their boats. The houses, arranged in clusters, are separated by alleys where a boatman could paddle his banca to fetch his passengers.

Hope springs

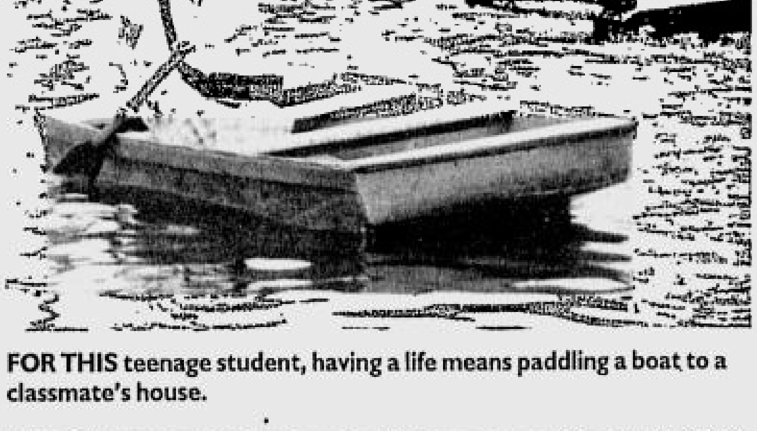
But if they are not out of the compound for work or errand, the residents just stay indoors to sleep or watch television. They could not go to their neighbors for a chat because each house is like an island.

Regudo said that the residents are tired of asking the government for help.

"Politicians only visit us during election period," he said. "Otherwise they just leave us in this condition. We're tired of asking for help when it is the government's obligation to help us."

Still, the residents have something to hope for. They see the CAMANAVA flood control project as the solution to their miserable condition. But the P5-billion project, launched last Aug. 1, may take four years to complete.

In the meantime, residents of the ARTEX compound will have to live with the sea of problems they have been experiencing for as long as they could remember.



FOR THIS teenage student, having a life means paddling a boat to a classmate's house.

A DOG in a banca makes landfall.

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Arms cache in QC owned by Trillanes, says NCRPO

By Tina Santos

THE PROPERTY in Quezon City, where authorities on Thursday dug up a cache of high-caliber ammunition, is said to belong to one of the key figures behind the July 27 Oakwood mutiny.

Deputy Director General Reynaldo Velasco, head of the National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO), yesterday said that members of the Central Police District (CPD) under Chief Supt. Napoleon Castro found the ammunition on the property of Navy Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes IV.

Trillanes' mother, Estelita, became upset when she learned of the latest charges being leveled against her son.

Estelita yesterday said the property on Santan and Sampaguita streets, Gloria V Subdivision, Barangay Talipapa, Novaliches, does not belong to her son or to any other member of the family.

"We do not own such a property," Estelita said during a telephone interview. The only property that we own is the one in BF Homes, Novaliches."

And before the police claimed that the house belongs to Trillanes, they must have planted the ammunition, as well as the explosive devices that were found later, on the property, Estelita said in Filipino.

"*Grabe naman sila* (They're terrible)," she said referring to the authorities.

According to investigators, Noel Parnel was cleaning up his property at 3:55 p.m. on Thursday and had set fire to a pile of leaves and garbage when high-powered rounds of ammunition began exploding.

Parnel, a caretaker of one of the houses on Santan and Sampaguita streets, and village residents reported the incident to the police.

NCRPO Chief Reynaldo Velasco presents the ammunition and explosive devices allegedly found in a land owned by Lt. (s.g.) Antonio Trillanes in Novaliches, Quezon City. JOAN BONDOC

As investigators were sifting through the garbage, they found about 60 rounds of .50-caliber ammunition on the site and in a nearby ditch. The lawmen also found broken pieces of electric blasting caps, parts of a light anti-tank weapon, and four armbands bearing the Magdalo group insignia.

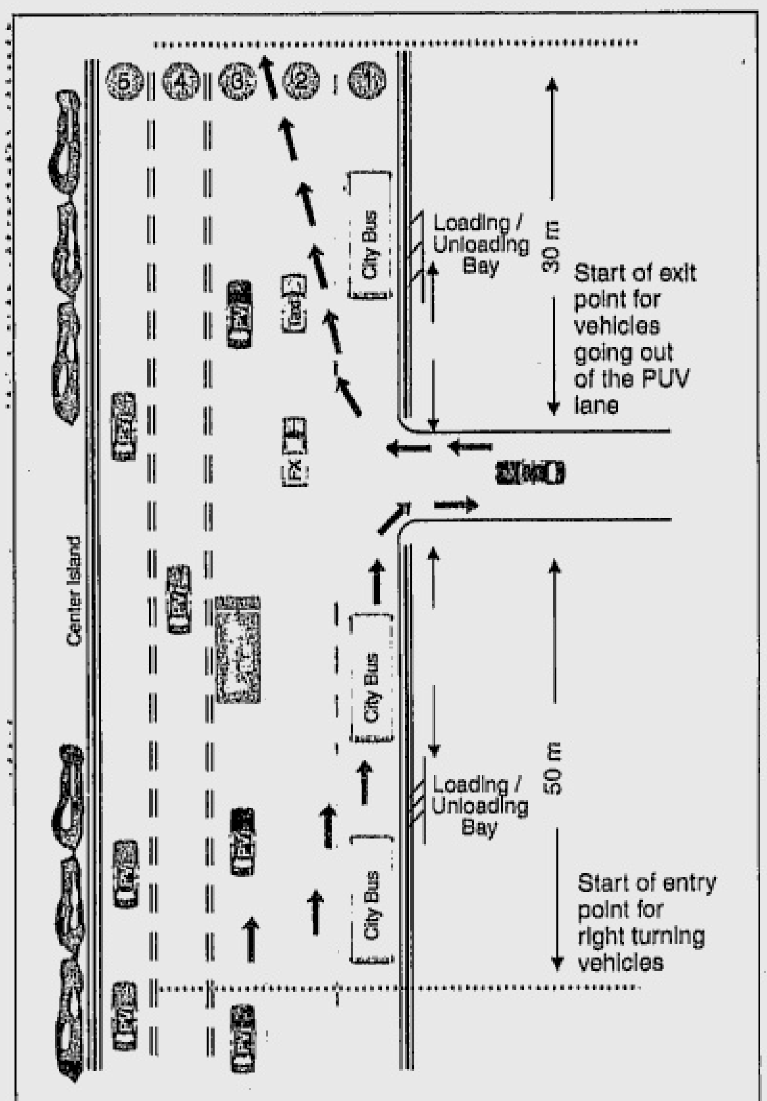
Police found a piece of paper bearing the names of AFP personnel with corresponding ranks. They also found a truck nearby. The authorities claimed the mutineers had used the truck to ferry the ammunition.

Velasco said they have yet to check with the Land Transporation Office to verify the truck's owner.

Police also claimed that Estrella Pabalan, who was reported to be the owner of the property, is fronting for Trillanes.

Velasco explained that the property's ownership was established through a barangay complaint which Trillanes himself filed against an Anastacia Santarin dated March 29, 2003. Santarin, whom Trillanes had accused of trespassing, also filed a harassment complaint against the Navy officer on the same day.

"The discovery of the ammunition, explosive devices... shows that the Magdalo group was well organized and their intentions were beyond expressing their grievances when they took over the Oakwood Hotel in Makati City last July 27," Velasco said.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MMDA REMINDER

Stick to your lane

By Margaux Ortiz

METRO Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Traffic Operations Director Angelito Vergel de Dios yesterday said vehicles plying Edsa should stay on their designated lanes.

"This is an old traffic policy, but past enforcers have been lax (in its implementation)," Vergel de Dios admitted.

He reiterated that public utility vehicles (PUVs) like buses and jeepneys which violate the yellow lane scheme would be fined with P200 to P1,000.

Swerving is also a reckless offense, he added.

"You could be fined with P500 for swerving out of your lane," the director warned.

According to an MMDA primer, the PUV yellow lanes—the two lanes nearest the sidewalk and separated from the rest of the road by a yellow line—are designated for city buses, FXs and taxis (See graphics above).

All designated PUV yellow lane users are properly identified through their yellow plates.

Provincial buses should use the third lane while private vehicles are assigned to the third, fourth and fifth lanes, according to the primer.

The MMDA also said PUVs are permitted to load and unload passengers and goods anywhere and anytime on the loading and unloading bays of the yellow lanes. But they are restricted to load and unload 30 meters before and 20 meters after an intersection.

Private vehicles may also load and unload passengers at designated areas along the yellow lanes provided they will not exceed 30 seconds.

The MMDA also said private vehicles could only enter the yellow lanes when making a right turn into an intersection "given a reasonable distance of 50 meters before the intersection."

The MMDA said drivers of private vehicles intending to make a right turn should do so 50 meters before an intersection, private driveway or parking space.

On the other hand, motorists coming out from an intersection, private driveway or parking space should merge to the left and exit the yellow lane at least 30 meters away from the intersection.

Vergel de Dios said the yellow lane rule was designed to cut travel time because PUVs will no longer compete for road space with other vehicles.

Katipunan road traffic plan stalled

WHILE the Metro Manila Development Authority's traffic projects are flying high on Edsa and Quezon Avenue, MMDA officials are still having a hard time convincing environmentalists about the need to remove the islands and trees on Katipunan Avenue.

MMDA Traffic Director Angelito Vergel de Dios yesterday said they are losing time in solving the worsening traffic problem in the area.

Vergel de Dios said environmental groups have asked for six more months to study the Katipunan issue before coming up with a decision.

He stressed the best solution to Katipunan's traffic problem was to ball the trees and remove the road islands.

"But we could not do that for now because the environmentalists are fiercely protecting the trees there," Vergel de Dios said.

He also said one of MMDA's immediate solutions to the traffic problem in Katipunan is to revive the drop-and-ride project.

Under the project, buses would pick up students at designated areas and bring them directly to school. This way, the vehicles that bring children to school every day would be lessened.

He said schools in the Katipunan area should urge the parents of their students to reconsider the scheme.

The project had been shelved after a spate of bomb scares last year. *Margaux Ortiz*

OFWs warned on remittance firms

TAIWAN has warned foreign workers there to remit only through authorized channels after receiving complaints from migrant employees who had been swindled by fly-by-night forwarders.

Arthur Ben of Taiwan's Money Laundering Prevention Center said in a statement that a number of illegitimate firms are preying on foreign workers who neither have the time nor the means to remit their money through authorized banks.

These informal channels attract customers by offering higher exchange rates, cheaper service fees and faster deliveries.

A recent victim was a Filipino worker who wrote Taiwan News.com last July 27 to relate her ordeal.

She said she sent NT$10,000 along with a *balikbayan* box for her children last July 11 through a forwarding company in Kaohsiung. The money did not reach her children in Cebu who badly need it for household bills.

She reported that another migrant worker sent NT$30,000 via the same forwarder. The money did not reach her family either.

Taiwanese authorities are now monitoring unregulated alternative remittance channels that handle domestic or foreign money transfers for migrant workers.

METROBRIEFS

Surgical care course

THE FOUNDATION for the Advancement of Surgical Education, Inc. (Fase) of the Department of Surgery, Philippine General Hospital, will hold its annual postgraduate course entitled "Mastery in Surgery 2003: Practical Innovations in Surgical Care," on Sept. 10-12 at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Malate, Manila. A Post-Congress Workshop on Ultrasound will also be held on Sept. 13 at the PGH. The course will offer innovative learning techniques. Among the highlights of the course is the Chancellor Alfredo T. Ramires, M.D. Memorial Lecture, which will be delivered by the country's most prominent colorectal surgeon, Dr. Carlos M. Magsanoc. For particulars, call Dr. Teodoro Herbosa or Ms Nette R. Mercado at 524-1144, 521-8450 local 2257, fax 526-4356, 0916-4625127, or e-mail at therbosa@mail.upm.edu.ph or at nettemer@mail.upm.edu.ph.

Drug abuse seminar

MEDICAL experts will talk on how to combat drug addiction during a one-day seminar on Aug. 30, 2003 at the Sulo Hotel in Diliman, Quezon City. The seminar is sponsored by the Association of Families Against Drug Abuse, Inc. (AFADA) in cooperation with the Dangerous Drugs Board-European Union Treatment and Rehabilitation Center (DDB-EU TRC). For reservations and inquiries, call 939-5917 and look for Rex or Bobbie, or text (0917) 9673347 or (0917) 3222770. Seminar fee of P800 includes lunch, snacks, materials and certificate of attendance.

Fake inks, toners

AGENTS of the National Bureau of Investigation have raided one Maya Emporium in Dagupan City and seized 883 boxes of fake Canon ink and laser cartridges and 537 boxes of fake Hewlett-Packard ink and laser toners worth about P2 million. The raid was initiated by HP through their local counsel Quisumbing Torres, while Canon was represented by Bengzon & Negre Intellectual Property Attorneys. The law firms requested the assistance of the NBI in the surveillance and investigation of Maya Emporium's illegal activities. The NBI obtained search warrants issued by Judge Silverio Q. Castillo of Branch 43 of the Dagupan City Regional Trial Court

Cop patrols stepped up

By Luige del Puerto

POLICE have stepped up mobile patrols along Marcos Highway and Paliparan in Marikina after a spate of jeepney robberies in the city this month.

They are also set to conduct more field training exercises to improve the cops' response time to crime.

Sr. Supt. Felipe Rojas Jr. said he had directed precinct commanders to conduct more inspections in the two major roads, where robbers perennially operate.

Police officials believe only one group is behind the series of robberies in the two areas.

This group struck twice within one hour along Marcos Highway on Wednesday. They first held up six persons in a jeepney at 12:25 a.m., then victimized eight more passengers near the Sta. Lucia Grand Mall an hour later.

The group uses a taxi as its getaway vehicle, police said.

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Mom and child holdup men?

By Tina Santos

TAXI drivers, beware! A mother and child posing as passengers could be in cahoots with holdupmen.

Malabon City police chief Supt. Pete Ramos said Walter Bacolod, 41, a taxi operator of Valenzuela City, found this out too late as he scouted for passengers early yesterday morning in Malabon.

Investigation revealed that Bacolod was driving his own taxi (TBK 683) in Obando, Bulacan, around 3:30 a.m. when a woman and a young boy flagged him down and asked to be taken to Malabon City.

Upon reaching Yanga Street, Barangay Maysilo, Malabon, the woman asked the victim to pull over as the young boy allegedly felt dizzy. At the road shoulder, the woman and the boy got off but three men armed with handguns appeared from nowhere, boarded his taxi and held him up.

The suspects divested him of his earnings, cell phone and other valuables. They also booted him out and took his taxi.

Acsa feels vindicated for 2nd time

By Leila B. Salaverria

FOR THE second time, Land Bank of the Philippines employee Acsa Ramirez feels vindicated.

This came after the Office of the Ombudsman denied the motion for reconsideration filed by the National Bureau of Investigation for an earlier decision clearing Ramirez of involvement in a P431 million tax scam, which she had blown the whistle on.

Ramirez's lawyer Atty. Virginia Pinlac said Ramirez was overjoyed by the decision.

She said Ramirez would hold a thanksgiving lunch on Tuesday for those who had helped her through her ordeal.

In a nine-page order approved by Deputy Ombudsman Margarito Gervacio Jr., a six-member panel said the NBI did not present any new evidence in its motion to warrant a change of the panel's earlier decision, and maintained that Ramirez had not violated the Anti-Money Laundering Act.

RAMIREZ

"We find and so hold that there is no cogent and plausible reason to abandon our previous disquisition that there is no well engendered belief to establish that respondent Ramirez probably committed the acts complained of," the order read.

But the NBI has not given up so easily.

The bureau's Anti-Fraud and Computer Crime Division chief Atty. Elfren Meneses said he had filed last week a petition for review of the case before the office of Ombudsman Simeon Marcelo.

Pinlac questioned the NBI's alleged desire to pin down Ramirez when it should be investigating the tax scam instead.

But NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said the bureau is not bent on harassing Ramirez.

"It's part of the procedure. It's our duty to exhaust all legal means in pursuing a case," he said.

He said that if Ombudsman Marcelo rules in favor of Ramirez, the NBI would rest their case against her.

Wycoco and President Macapagal-Arroyo earlier presented Ramirez to the media as one of the suspects in the tax diversion case when in fact Ramirez had been the one who reported the irregularities that prompted the bank to conduct an audit.

The audit uncovered the presence of four suspicious bank accounts and led to the filing of charges against two Landbank branch managers.

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Manila safe, says cop chief

By Leila Salaverria

THERE is no need to worry about your safety in Manila.

This is according to Western Police District Director Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong, who claimed the WPD in July had the lowest crime rate among the five police districts in the National Capital Region.

Bulaong said that the spate of ambuscades in the country's capital in the past two months—two in July and four this month—are already being investigated thoroughly despite the WPD's less than ideal police to population ratio.

Bulaong said that based on the findings of the NCRPO, there is one policeman for every 900 persons in Manila in the daytime, and one policeman for every 1,700 persons at night.

He said the ideal ratio is one policeman for every 500 persons, as is the case in more advanced countries.

The WPD has 3,600 policemen in its force, said the district director.

"We want, as much as possible, to have high police visibility on the streets, but now we use force multipliers like barangay officials and security guards," Bulaong said.

Police have been on alert following the series of attacks in the capital.

The district director reiterated that the ambuscades were "isolated incidents."

He said the victims had their personal quarrels with other people elsewhere, but it just so happened the gunmen attacked them in Manila.

This month alone, four persons—a lawyer, a businessman, a city hall employee and a barangay captain—were all killed in ambuscades.

In July, sports official Go Teng Kok and Customs collector Felipe Bartolome survived gunmen out to kill them.

Two persons associated with the Alex Boncayao Brigade have since been charged for Go's ambush.

The police now have orders to watch out for vehicles without license plates and suspicious bystanders.

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TITLE DROUGHT OVER

Alaska subdues Coke, rules PBA Invitational

ALASKA'S Ali Peek (left) tries to stop a driving Johnny Abarrientos of Coca-Cola. AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

By June Navarro

THE ALASKA Aces endured some scary moments before carving out a 91-86 win over the Coca-Cola Tigers last night to capture the Samsung-PBA Invitational Championship at the Philsports Arena.

Brandon Lee Cablay held the Aces together with timely hits then sparked a fiery Alaska windup as the Tigers came back from 16 points down to even lead twice early in the last quarter.

Cablay nailed a three-pointer that tied the count for the final time at 70-all and added back-to-back baskets that finally doomed the Tigers, 84-74, with 2:24 left in the game.

It was the 11th title for the Aces, whose last championship came in the 2000 All-Filipino.

For his exploits, the 6-foot Cablay was adjudged as the first rookie Finals MVP since Danny Seigle turned the trick with San Miguel Beer during the 1999 Governors Cup.

In ending their three-year title drought, the Aces deprived the Tigers of a championship for the second straight conference. Coca-Cola also lost in the All-Filipino over a month ago to Talk N Text.

"Through the years that we failed to win a championship, I really felt a great loss of confidence. This one is extra sweet because it gave me a sense of accomplishment after that long wait," said Alaska coach Tim Cone.

The victory also vindicated Cone, who broke up the core of his 2000 All-Filipino Cup team and parted ways with Kenneth Duremdes, Johnny Abarrientos, Edward Juinio and Bong Hawkins in favor of a rebuilding program anchored on young players.

Cone also broke his tie with Norman Black for second place in the number of championships won and is now four crowns away from the record 15 of his idol Baby Dalupan.

The Aces again committed several turnovers in the rubber match but their 31 miscues failed to prevent them from climbing back from a Game 1 setback and win the series at 2-1.

John Arigo came up with a double-double performance—22 points and 10 rebounds—while Cablay, Don Allado and Ali Peek combined for 40 points with Cablay pouring eight of his 17 in the final quarter.

The Aces' 11th title also moved them within two of Crispa's second-best record of 13 championships. San Miguel Beer is the league's winningest with 16 titles overall.

The Aces went off to a roaring start, drilling in five of their six attempts from the three-point range and 14 of 30 shots from the perimeter.

Alaska, which qualified for the tournament proper by ruling a five-team elimination series, opened the game with an 18-6 run and stretched this to 34-22 midway in the second quarter.

Stephen Padilla and Rob Duat had a couple of three-pointers each as the Aces surged to a 48-32 cushion before the halftime break.

In between, Peek, Allado and Feihl attacked the middle without letup, giving the Tigers some headaches, particularly Poch Juinio and Rudy Hatfield, who fell into early foul trouble.

The Tigers hit only one of eight attempts from the three-point area and went 11 of 29 from the field for a 32-percent shooting clip in the first half.

But Coca-Cola came to life in the third quarter through the efforts of Jeffrey Cariaso, Johnny Abarrientos, Hatfield and Ato Morano.

Scores:

ALASKA 91—Arigo 22, Cablay 17, Allado 12, Peek 11, Cortez 9m Feihl 8, Padilla 6, Duat 6.

COCA-COLA 86 — Hatfield 18, Cariaso 17, Abarrientos 16, Reavis 12, Morano 8, Wainwright 7, Juinio 4, Avenido 2, Antonio 2, Chia 0, Bolado 0.

Quarters: 24-18, 48-32, 65-60, 91-86.

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Bata captures Las Vegas 9-ball title

REYES

EFREN "Bata" Reyes showed his old deadly form to beat Neils Feijen of the Netherlands, 10-7, and rule the 2nd Annual Gabriel's Las Vegas 9-Ball Open Friday night at the Riviera Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The 49-year-old Reyes, installed in the Hall of Fame of Billiards Congress of America last month, pocketed $10,000 (P550,000), improving on his fifth place finish in the same tournament last year.

Reyes exacted revenge over Charlie "the Korean Dragon" in the semifinals. Williams conquered Reyes in the finals of the Big Apple 9-Ball Challenge in New York last week.

Bustamante, Reyes' Puyat Sports teammate and winner of the $50,000 winner take all International Challenge of Champions in Connecticut on Aug 14., was ousted by 2001 world champion Mika Immonen of Finland.

UE, La Salle prevail

GAMES TODAY (Araneta Coliseum)
11 a.m.—Adamson vs NU (jrs/srs)
4 p.m.—FEU vs Ateneo (srs)

By June Navarro

JAMES Yap bucked a miserable start and delivered the key baskets down the stretch to lift University of the East to a pulsating 68-61 win over University of the Philippines yesterday in the UAAP basketball tournament at the Blue Eagle Gym.

Yap nailed two three-pointers and added a pair of free throws that fueled the Warriors' dazzling finishing kick en route to their sixth victory in nine games.

The Warriors moved up to solo third behind pacesetters Far Eastern University (8-1) and Ateneo (7-2) while the Fighting Maroons, who absorbed their fourth straight defeat, plummeted to 1-8 in the company of National University.

Mac Cardona sparkled with 26 points as the La Salle Archers downed the Santo Tomas Tigers, 71-66, in the other game.

The Archers tied the Warriors at 6-3, while the Tigers dropped their sixth game in nine outings.

"I told James (Yap) to give up the ball and get the rest of the players involved in offense. James agreed and that freed him from UP's tight defense," said UE coach Boysie Zamar.

UP coach Lito Vergara instructed his troops to smother Yap right from the start and this almost paid off. Yap went 0 of 4 from the three-point range and made only three of his six attempts from the perimeter.

But the Maroons thought Yap was already done for the day and forgot about him in the final 10 minutes.

Yap's triple gave the lead back to the Warriors, 60-59, after UE climbed from five points down at the start of the final quarter.

Paul Artadi then joined the act, scoring a one-handed dunk on a fastbreak play as the Warriors slowly pulled away.

Yap led all scorers with 22 points. Artadi and Ollan Omiping combined for 27.

Rob Bornancin paced UP with 15 points while Jasant Cervantes added 13.

Scores:

First game (srs):

UE 68—Yap 22, Artadi 14, Omiping 13, Canaleta 5, Hubalde 4, Booker 4, Alminario 4, Masbang 2, Tan 0, Butel 0, Estrada 0, Ronquillo 0.

UP 61—Bornancin 15, Cervantes 13, Cruz 9, Almeda 9, Tabique 7, Reyes 6, David 2, Buyco 0, Agbayani 0, Epres 0, Ferrer 0.

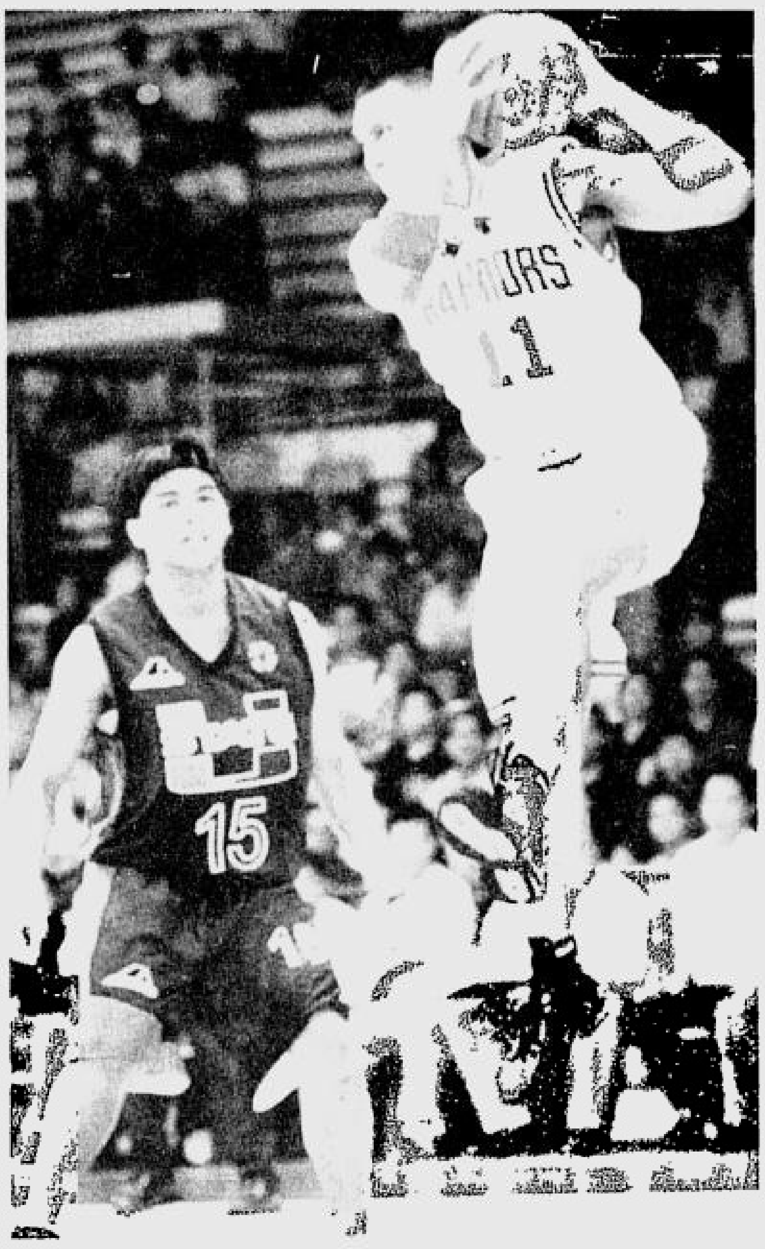
Quarters: 17-18, 35-34, 50-51, 68-61.

Second game (srs)

DLSU 71—Cardona 26, Yeo 9, Casio 7, Gaco 5, Cabatu 5, Sharma 4, Ramos 4, Benitez 4, Walsham 3, Arana 2, Tang 2.

UST 66—Espiritu 16, De Guzman 14, Manansala 9, Villamin 7, Hubalde 7, Evangelista 4, Vizcarra 4, Luanzon 4, Pribdhas 1, Del Rosario 0, Sumalinog 0.

Quarters: 16-16, 41-33, 61-52, 71-66.


JAY Arr Estrada of UE (right) flies high for a rebound as Nestor David of UP looks on.
AUGUST DE LA CRUZ

Minda tankers sparkle

By Dennis U. Eroa

PUERTO PRINCESA—Mindanao made the biggest wave in swimming as it won four gold medals yesterday even as Caroles Deybi from North Sulawesi emerged the fastest woman of the 3rd BIMP-EAGA (Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines) Friendship Games at the Puerto Princesa Sports Complex here.

Iligan City high schooler Shahani Navarro bannered Mindanao's domination of the pool as she splashed her way to the 800-meter freestyle gold even as Izah Sueno also ruled the 400m freestyle in convincing fashion.

Navarro, a 5-foot-7 daughter of a barangay secretary, clocked 11:41.45. Palawan's Kristina Abadiano settled for the silver in 13:18.56.

Not to be outdone, Phyll Julius Iglesias, who took time out from his UAAP stint with the multititled Santo Tomas swimming team, gave the Mindanaoans their third gold after topping the 100m freestyle in 58.38 seconds, beating Palawan's Filomeno Kepti, who clocked 1:00.15.

Roy Navarro, another proud product of Mindanao, won the gold in the 100m breaststroke in 1:12.7, relegating Hanny Masengi of North Sulawesi (1:14.13) to second spot.

Deybi timed 12.5 seconds in ruling the women's century dash, followed by Brunei's Hafizzah Nursan in 12.8. Mindanao's Janice Sinoy salvaged the bronze in 13.2 seconds.

Roy Ocon of Mindanao and Bernardita Magaso of host Puerto Princesa also ruled the 1,500m run for men and women, respectively.

Other gold medallists after the first day of this sportsfest hosted by Puerto Princesa City Mayor Edward Hagedorn were Andi Gumilang (South Sulawesi, 4:39.90, 400m freestyle); Jessica Laurens (South Sulawesi, 2:44.52, 200m IM); Lai Kwan Chui (Sabah, Malaysia, 2:38.87, 200m backstroke and 100m freestyle, 1:03.00); Alex Nelwan (North Sulawesi, 2:25.33, 200M backstroke); and Jemmy Japardana, South Sulawesi, 2:30.72).

Earlier, the meet was formally launched with a press conference at the Barcelo Asturias Hotel. Present were Mayor Hagedorn, Jesus Dureza, presidential assistant for Mindanao affairs, project director and PSC Commissioner Leon Montemayor, who also represented PSC chair Eric Buhain.

'The hole got bigger and bigger'

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

IT'S not whether Ben Curtis will win the NEC Invitational or not; the event's winner will not be known until tomorrow. He wants to win it, of course. But the bottom line is, for Curtis, he is happy just playing in it. Having fun.

But it seems that's not what reality is telling him, or trying to tell him.

Curtis, a 500-1 long shot before proceeding to win the last British Open just very recently, is in the NEC Invitational and if only for that alone, he is back in the news. Winner or no winner of the event, the spotlight seems to gravitate toward him again. This early.

He grabbed headlines with his unexpected victory in the British Open, becoming the first player in 90 years to win a major championship in his first try.

In his next tournament, he was sort of a headline-grabber again when he missed the cut in the PGA Championship, almost erasing all the aura, if not the drama, that attended his British Open triumph. Suddenly, he was on the opposite side of the news—a fluke of a champion in the British Open. One hit wonder. Flash in the pan.

And then this, a share of the first-round lead with Sergio Garcia in the NEC Invitational. Curtis has become grist for copy once more.

But it doesn't end there.

The plot thickens.

The script gets revised.

First, before he could even win the NEC event, Curtis is going to get married. Today. One day before the tournament ends. Two days after nabbing a share of the lead.

Already, the American press is saying Curtis might go down in history as the first person to start a golf tournament as a bachelor and win it as a husband.

Tiger Woods is saying he was impressed that Curtis was able to play that well despite the wedding distractions, and with big name golfers all around him.

Curtis had a 6-under-par 64 to tie Garcia for the lead. Woods was a shot back at 65.

"Let's just say if he's in contention going to the last day of the tournament, I want to see how tired he is on Sunday (Monday in Manila, the last day of the tournament)," said Woods, laughing.

The wedding is set at 5 p.m. American time (Stow, Ohio). That's 5 a.m. Sunday, Manila time. Stow is about 30 minutes from Firestone, Ohio, venue of the NEC Invitational. To get to the wedding in time, Curtis has to have an early tee off. But what if he remains among the leaders going to the third round? Which seems very likely considering that he is sharing the lead going into the second round.

Golf rules say a leader, or those among the leaders, will have to have a late tee off. In case Curtis gets to maintain his form and land among the leaders after two rounds, will officials waive the rules using as reason his wedding?

I doubt it.

In golf, as in many other sporting events, rules are rules. George W. Bush can plead for an early tee off in behalf of Curtis—on bended knees yet - but he will only be disappointed. Not even Curtis' fiancée can influence officials to change their mind.

So, if I were Curtis, it's either that he postponed it another day, or even two days, or just proceed with the wedding date. The second option would leave him with no choice but to make the most out of it.

Anyway, as Curtis, after firing his 64 yesterday, said: "It's kind of funny. When you tell yourself to not worry about it, to just have fun, you go out there and play really good. A lot of times, you want to play good and you get tense. I was having fun, and the hole just seemed like it got bigger and bigger."

After Curtis hit a 9-iron just inches from the hole on No. 18 for a birdie, he saw his fiancée, Candace Beatty, smiling behind the green. She was in the company of the wedding party—and she was even cheering lustily.

What a touching moment. More poignant than that one Candace exhibited at the British Open when, overwhelmed by emotion moments after Curtis' victory, she just kept saying, "Oh my God, oh my God."

For me, Curtis teeing off in the NEC Invitational and tying the knot on the third day of the tournament is one for the books already.

I have yet to hear someone do that.

But is Curtis doing it by design?

Not really.

Curtis and his fiancée had planned the wedding long before the NEC Invitational began. They had sent out invitations long before the British Open began. Never in Curtis' wildest dreams did the thought occur to him that he'd win the British Open.

And now this, hints of a surprise victory staring him again, two days before his wedding day.

"This will be the best week of my life no matter what I shoot," said Curtis.

There you have it, a man unspoiled by fame, bowing to the magic of wedding bells.

Move over, live-in advocates. Make way for Ben Curtis, not only a golf giant but also the last of the romantics.

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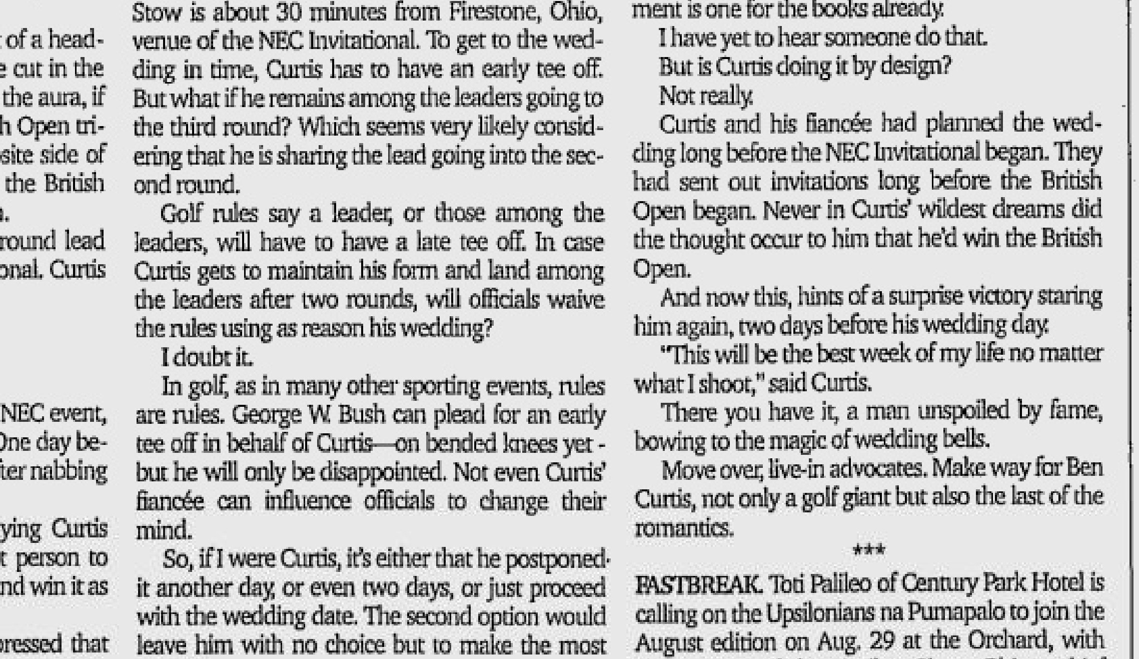
FASTBREAK. Toti Palileo of Century Park Hotel is calling on the Upsilonians na Pumapalo to join the August edition on Aug. 29 at the Orchard, with Batch 1989 of the Upsilon Sigma Phi as chief sponsor. Call 09175297894 or e-mail flores-law@I-manila.com for other details.

Paragua 2nd

FILIPINO Mark Paragua agreed to a draw with fellow IM Yuri Gonzalez of Cuba in the ninth round Friday night and settled for second place in the First International del Solsones chess championship at the Solsona gym in Cataluna, Spain.

Paragua and Gonzalez actually figured in a four-way logjam at the top with GM Viktor Moskalenko of Ukraine and Dmitry Frolyanov of Russia, but the Cuban took the crown via the highest tiebreak. *With a report from NM Marlon Bernardino*


SEABA CHAMPIONS
Members of Philippines-Cebuana Lhuillier flash the No.1 sign after their arrival from Kuala Lumpur, where they topped the Southeast Asia Basketball Association men's championship, Friday. They were accompanied by delegation head and BAP secretary general Graham Lim, Councilor Jun Lavadia, assistant team manager Danny Francisco, and coach Aric del Rosario. RP-Cebuana Lhuillier was supported by Malaysia Airlines, Accel and YKL Colors.

SPORTSWATCH

Laguna run today

THE FIRST Laguna Marathon, 10K Open and 3K Kiddie Runs fires off today, Sunday (Aug. 24) at the Pacita Complex in San Pedro, Laguna. "This marathon was conceived and realized to give our runners a high level of exposure, to give them a chance to prove their skills in their chosen sport and to provide a venue to discover new talents," chair Louie Mangahis of the organizing San Pedro Team Unified Sports Association (SPTUSA) said yesterday. Three-time national tritahlon champion Abet Alon-Alon is the race director. He will be assisted by SPTUSA president Jing Anchoriz, himself an experienced triathlete. The association also includes Alvin Alindogan, the first Pinoy triathlete who was crowned as RP Ironman champion. The three will spearhead the Philippine campaign in the Macau International Triathlon Championships on Aug. 31.

'Bakbakan' tilt slated

THE NATIONAL Federation of Gamefowl Breeders and the Univet-Thunderbird group recently inked an agreement for the country's leading gamefowl health and nutrition company to be a presenter of the 2003 Annual Bakbakan National Stag. Univet-Thunderbird products include Enertone Ready-Mixed Concentrate, Thunderbird Hi-Protein Power Pellets, Bexan-XP and Vetracin Gold, among others. Dante Nacar, Univet-Thunderbird product manager, said the agreement covers Bakbakan 2003's 10 elimination rounds starting in Davao City on Oct. 28. The three-day finals will be held at the Araneta Coliseum on Nov. 22, 24 and 26. Meanwhile, the last elimination round of Bakbakan 2003 originally scheduled at the Mandaluyong Coliseum will instead be held at the Araneta Coliseum on Nov. 17 and 19.

Suarez, Canare win

NATIONAL team veterans CJ Suarez and Jojo Canare hurdled their respective rivals last Friday to earn their tickets to the 39th Bowling World Cup next month at the Planet Sipango in Tegudipala, Honduras. Both down 0-1 in the best-of-three finals, Suarez scored big in the last two games to nip R.J. Bautista, 611-610, and bag the men's crown, while Canare outsteadied Liza del Rosario, 622-602, to cop the women's title at the Bowling Inn in Manila.

Age group swimfest

THE 1ST Purefoods Tender Juicy NCRSA Age Group Swimming Championship will be held at the Kapitolyo Swimming Pool, Rizal Sports Club, Shaw Boulevard on Saturday, Aug. 30. The one day meet (68 events) will be held for boys and girls aged 6 and below to 15 and over. Tournament organizer Em Em Velasco said that the event starting at 8:30 a. m. is sanctioned by the NCR Swimming Association and is catered for class B swimmers. For more details, call event coordinator Cherry Amos at 633-0480 or meet director Joey Andaya at 0919-626-5222.

SPORTS noodle

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Know swimming?

A serving of 7 questions, from easiest to toughest, each with a corresponding point value. Can you score a perfect 100 (or, at least, beat the other 'sports genius/geniuses' beside you)?

1 > 3 Pts.
☐ True /☐ False: A competitor may use the backstroke or any other stroke in freestyle competitions.

2 > 5 Pts.
In Olympic competition, how many false starts are allowed for the competitors as a whole—after which, any competitor who makes a false start is disqualified?
☐ One
☐ Two

3 > 7 Pts.
How many meters long is a standard Olympic pool?
☐ 25
☐ 50
☐ 100

4 > 10 Pts.
The longest race for men is the 1500-meter freestyle. What about for women?
☐ 800-m freestyle
☐ 1000-m freestyle
☐ 1500-m freestyle

5 > 15 Pts.
What is the first stroke in the 200-m and 400-m individual medley?
☐ Freestyle
☐ Backstroke
☐ Breaststroke
☐ Butterfly

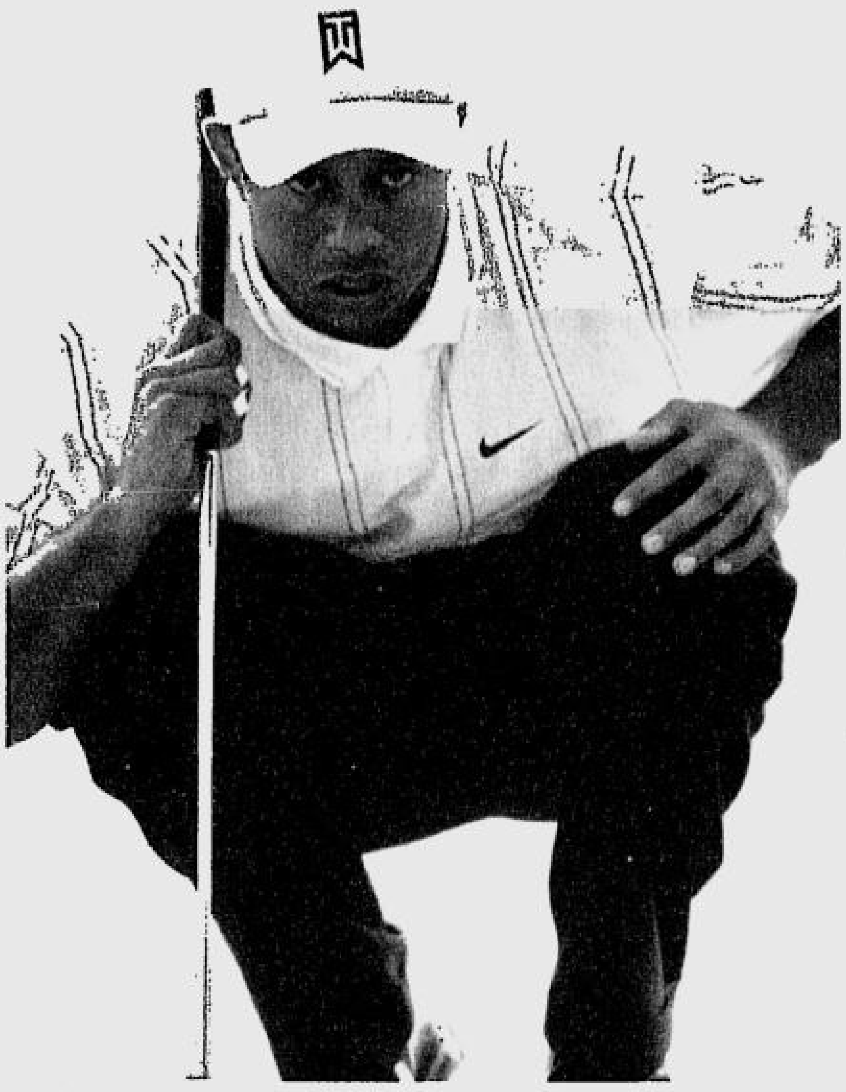
6 > 25 Pts.
What is the farthest distance, in meters, can a swimmer legally stay under water after the start and when making a turn?
☐ 5
☐ 10
☐ 15
☐ 20

7 > 30 Pts.
Hairy story: In a sport where races are decided by hundredths of a second, every advantage is important. For major meets, most swimmers shave the body hair off of their arms, legs and any other surface area that is in contact with the water. This reduces resistance and can lower a swimmer's time by as much as how many percent?

ANSWERS A23

NEC INVITATIONAL

Toms, Riley hang on



WOODS: Tough conditions. AP

AKRON, Ohio—The only thing Chris Riley knew about Firestone was that it usually took a score of about 12 under par to win, and the trophy always went to Tiger Woods.

It might not be that simple this year.

As the wind and rough sent Woods to a sloppy finish and his worst score in 22 rounds at Firestone, Riley and David Toms pulled away with pars to share the lead going into the weekend at the NEC Invitational.

Riley and Toms each had a 3-under 67 and were the only players to break par among the final dozen who teed off late Friday afternoon as Firestone turned crusty and brown, and turned par into a prized possession on the closing holes.

They were at 7-under 133, one shot ahead of Fred Funk, who had a 62, and Vijay Singh.

"The first five or six holes ... I was hitting it good and making birdies and easy pars," said Toms, who also holed out a wedge from 127 yards on No. 6 for eagle. "We got to the back nine and the course started playing tougher.

"Par was a good score on any hole on the back nine, that's for sure."

No need to tell that to Woods, whose 72 ended his streak of 13 consecutive rounds of par or better at Firestone, where he has won the last three times. The 72 matched his worst score; he also had one in 1997.

Woods was one stroke out of the lead when he came to "The Monster," the 667-yard 16th hole that played even longer into a brisk wind.

He drove into the right rough, then caught the face of a bunker, leaving Woods no choice but to blast out short of the pond. His fourth shot sailed over the green, and Woods had to make a 20-footer to escape with bogey.

The final hole was uglier. From the left rough, Woods squatted under a tree and chopped out through the fairway to more thick grass. He came up short of the green, and wound up with a double bogey.

"The conditions got tougher late in the day, and that showed over the past four holes," Woods said. *AP*

Mallon ahead

KUTZTOWN, Pennsylvania—Meg Mallon shot a 6-under 66 Friday and took a three-stroke lead over Kim Saiki and Janice Moodie after two rounds of the LPGA Wachovia Classic. Mallon was at 10-under 134 after two trips around the Berkleigh Country Club course. Saiki had five straight birdies in a 65, the best round of the tournament, while Moodie had a 68. AP

Eagle Ridge Inaugural set

ROBLES

WITH a member-guest golf tournament aptly called "Fore x Four" serving as the highlight, several sports activities have been lined up for the much-awaited Eagle Ridge Golf & Country Club Inaugural Weekend, the grand opening of the country's biggest golf complex in Gen. Trias, Cavite, on Sept. 20-21.

The Fore x Four event on Saturday, Sept. 20, will put into special focus all the championship courses of Eagle Ridge bearing the imprints of American Andy Dye, Japanese Isao Aoki, Nick Faldo of England and soon Greg Norman of Australia.

The Norman course, the back nine of which is expected to be playable next month, will complete the four-course, 72-hole package of the multi-billion peso joint venture project of Alsons Land Corp. and Sta. Lucia Realty.

Tomas Alcantara, chair of the ERGCC board, and Sta. Lucia president Exequiel Robles have already approved the final plans to be implemented by a steering committee headed by ERGCC project director engineer Winifred Gob. For inquiries, members and interested parties may call 046-4192855.

The rest of the sports activities will be staged at the state-of-the-art Family Clubhouse, the biggest of the three clubhouses at Eagle which houses a bowling alley, billiard hall, badminton courts, tennis courts, a basketball court and a resort-type swimming pool.

Meanwhile, Japanese expat Fujio Goto topped Class A of the Callaway-sponsored monthly medal while Leonides Pinpin bagged the overall title in seniors tournament held recently at the Aoki course.

Other winners were Arnaldo Bautista in Class B, Roberto Sison in Class C, Carlo Dapnes in Class D and Edith Apuya in the ladies division.

A cell phone shaped like a gun?

ONE WINNER

Edwin Villanueva

ARE cellular phones shaped or that look like a hand gun already out in the market?

If yes, then Alredo Po must have already acquired one.

Po testified before the Philracom probe last Wednesday that it was his cell phone which he used to point at jockey Dennis Camañero when he confronted the latter in his stable last Aug. 9.

But according to Camañero and other witnesses, Po used a handgun, a silver-colored .45 caliber pistol, when he threatened the jockey who disobeyed his order to lose atop his horse Top Quest a night before the said incident happened.

The Philracom hearing will resume this coming week and if the racing body is indeed sincere in getting into the bottom of the matter, one of the things they should take into consideration is to ask Po to present his (gun-shaped) cell phone.

Keen-eyed Tumbok columnist Orlando "Galman" Primo said it was the first time he heard of a cell phone "that looks like a gun."

"*Dapat ipakita nya* (Po) *yan* (cell phone) *sa* Philracom probers (Po must show it before the Philracom probers)," said Primo in his popular column.

What happened to Camañero, racing experts believe, could have a bad repercussion on other jockeys especially those who are also riding under Po's stable.

"What if they lose atop one of his horses and catch Po in a foul mood again?" asked one expert

Before Camañero, brothers Pat and Val Dilema, as well as John Cordero, are the ones riding for Po.

Incidentally, Cordero is scheduled to ride Top Quest in the seventh race today. Is the horse out to win (*labas*) or lose (*viaje*) this afternoon? Will there be another gun-pointing...errrr...cell phone-pointing incident?

Primo stressed that Po needs to produce the phone "*para mawala ang takot ng ibang hinete na sumasakay sa kanya.*"

Curious about Po's unique cell phone, my Silip Boy, a certified "cellphonatic," went to the Greenhills area yesterday and tried to look for one, but to no avail.

"Sir, *nilibot ko na po ang* Virra Mall *at* Shoppesville *pero wala akong makita. Eto po ang nabili ko* (Sir, I already scoured the Virra Mall and Shoppesville areas but I didn't find one. This is what I bought)," he said while handing me a lighter that is shaped like a gun.

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The *bayang karerista* is lauding the Marho headed by Aristeo "Putch" Puyat for urging the Philracom to conduct a probe of Camañero's complaints against Po.

Racing fans are also asking why the other recognized horse racing groups such as the Philtobo and SHOP have not come up with any reaction regarding the incident.

"If not for Marho's initiative, *malamang palampasin na lang yang insidenteng yan* (maybe that incident would be overlooked)," said a veteran racing fan from Novaliches.

Another *karerista* commented: "*Kung ganyan kainit ang ulo ng isang* owner *kung natatalo kalimutan na sanang magpangalan ng kabayong* Maginoo's Pride. (If one owner loses his cool if his horse is beaten, then let's forget naming a horse Maginoo's Pride)."

Capping our readers' comments, Ernest Ryan Simangan of Lagro, QC, said: "PDI columnist Manolo Iñigo is right, *walang puwang sa* sports *lalo na sa karera ang mga taong mainit ang ulo* (hotheads have no place in sports especially in horse racing)."

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GDAP Invit'l at Sta. Elena

THE GOLF Distributors Association of the Philippines (GDAP) Invitational tournament, an 18-hole event ushering in the 2003 Philippine International Golf Show, will be held Monday, Sept. 22 at the Sta. Elena Golf Club course.

According to GDAP vice president Lovell Gopez and tournament director Daboy del Carmen, the tourney will feature top officials of GDAP members and their selected guests. It will also serve as a fund-raising project for the the organization.

Supporting the tourney are Pagcor, Berocca, Lexber Holidays, Continental Airlines, Emerald Headway and Alegre Beach Resort.

The annual Golf Show handled by exhibit specialist Fairs&More will be held Sept. 26-28 at the SM Megatrade Hall in Mandaluyong City.

Equipment distributors like Mizuno, Callaway, Nike, Taylor Made adidas, Wilson, Titleist, etc.are to be joined by the leading companies in the turf sector including Formost, IGRI Clark Industries, Kart Plaza Mfg., Acro Golf and Gainers Mktg.

Cooperating associations include the Philippine Turfgrass Association and the National Golf Association of the Philippines.

Also during the show, the GDAP will confer the Personality of the Year award to the legendary Ben Arda.

For inquiries, interested parties may call the GDAP (tel.no. 374-5037/fax 4121696 or Fairs and More (tel. no. 759-6680/fax 759-6690).

Lakambini Stakes up today

SPEED Machine, Favorite Girl and Tatler Cover head the field running in the Lakambini Stakes race today at the Santa Ana Park.

The 1,800-meter event, which has a total pot of P750,000 bankrolled by the Philipppine Racing Commission, features the best three-year-old fillies in the land these days.

Heading the hunt for the P450,000 top purse are some of the headliners in this year's 3-year-old championship trail, including Triple Crown placers Speed Machine and Favorite Girl.

Speed Machine, one of last year's top juvenile fillies, started her sophomore campaign this year with a big win in the Triple Crown Hopeful Stakes last May and followed it up with an impressive third-place finish in the second leg of the Triple Crown (JV Ongpin Cup) won by West Bound.

Speed Machine is by US-bred stallion Snowy Owl (Storm Bird) out of Prima Susan and will be partnered by regular rider John Cordero.

Expected to provide a strong challenge for the premier spot is Favorite Girl, a recent winner of the Horseman's Cup Hopeful Stakes, and Hermie Esguerra's Tatler Cover.

Fernando Raquel Jr. will steer Favorite Girl, while Jeffril Zarate will guide Tatler Cover in the race where the winner gets P450,000.

Spicing up the day's program is the Special Invitational race featuring Class B jockeys who were assigned to ride eight gallopers.

Funny Cide-Empire Maker duel off

SARATOGA SPRINGS, New York—The eagerly awaited showdown between Funny Cide and Empire Maker at the $1 million Travers Stakes on Saturday will not take place after both horses were scratched from the race.

Funny Cide was declared unfit to run on Friday by trainer Barclay Tagg, who added that there was mucous in the horse's throat.

Bothered by a persistent fever since a third-place finish at the Haskell two weeks ago, Funny Cide was ruled as "highly doubtful" as late as Tuesday by Tagg. *Reuters*

RACING TIPS

AT SANTA ANA BY MR. 999

Race 1--1. Cat's Eye 2. Material Trick 3. Schumacher/Houdini

Race 2--1. Nothing to Declare 2. Manila Slew 3. Pasirit 4. Don Paco 5. Wild Orphan

Race 3--1. Ouzo 2. Lyonnais 3. Neat Laurel

Race 4--1. Korek Ka Dyan 2. Despadida 3. High Typhoon 4. D Greatest 5. Fine Offer

Race 5--1. Don Paolo 2. Really Cool 3. Hazmagic 4. Formidable Ella 5. Gorgeous Sand

Race 6--1. Windlass 2. Cash McCall 3. Hasty 4. Men of Honor 5. Elusive Quality

Race 7--1. Clarizo 2. Concorde 3. Green Buck 4. Classic Royale 5. Maralex

Race 8--1. Tatler Cover 2. Favorite Girl 3. Speed Machine 4. Galapagos

Race 9--1. Bukambibig 2. Real Gem 3. Tervalac 4. Fair Go 5. Snowy Market

Race 10--1. Shuttler 2. Real Tough 3. Andeo's Ace 4. Queen of Gala 5. Main Street

Race 11--1. Gemstone/Gutmoore 2. Revolting 3. Southern Charm 4. Surprise Target 5. Of Note

Race 12--1. Divine Right 2. Golden Moment 3. Kagilagilalas 4. Sham Sham 5. Star Material

Race 13--1. Free Hand 2. Spirited Lady 3. Sandstorm 4. Bullish View 5. Words of Joy 6. Master Strategist

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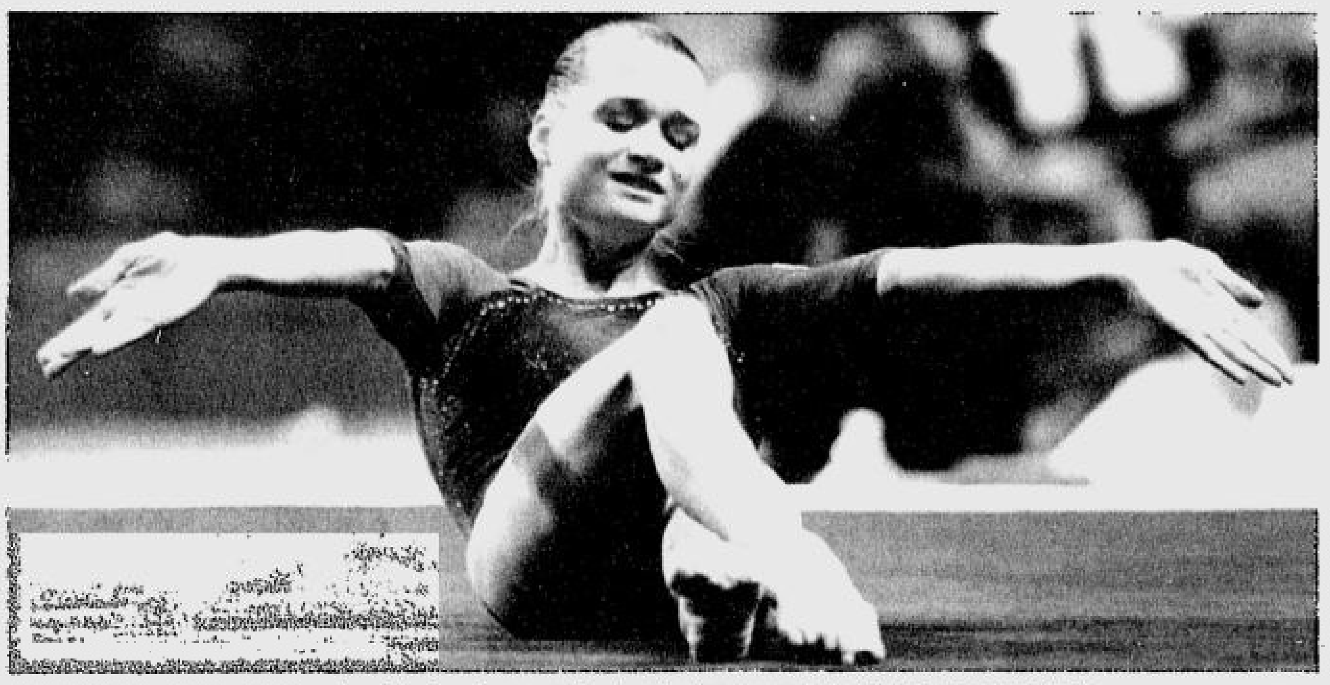


KHORKINA puts the finishing touch to her floor routine to win the women's individual all-round finals. REUTERS

Khorkina floors 'em,

ANAHEIM, California—Svetlana Khorkina tumbled her way into history, becoming the first person—man or woman—to win all three all-around gold medals at the World Gymnastics Championships.

The Russians' 9.675 on floor clinched her victory, leaving American Carly Patterson with the silver.

Patterson, who was brilliant in the first three rotations of the evening, had a chance to surpass Khorkina moments but her final event, the vault, had been watered down because of a fractured elbow she endured earlier in the year.

She wobbled on the landing, scored a 9.262 and won the silver—still a satisfying evening for an American team with a growing list of stars.

Patterson had a better night than teammate Chellsie Memmel, whose otherwise solid night was tarnished on the balance beam, where she wobbled her way to a score of 8.875. It was the first bad routine of the week for the one-time alternate who led the banged-up women's team to an improbable gold medal earlier in the week. Memmel tied for eighth.

But it would have been awfully difficult for anyone to defeat Khorkina on this night.

Competing in what will almost surely be her last world championships, the Russian was great on everything she touched. Her specialty is the uneven bars—she has two moves named after her on the event—and she didn't disappoint.

Gliding and twisting from bar to bar, looping her long legs over and around the apparatus, Khorkina did it like nobody else. She scored a 9.662.

US 5 routs Venezuela

Flair, sloppiness mark Americans' 3rd straight victory in Puerto Rico

CANADIAN Steve Nash (Dallas Mavericks) tries to put up a shot past Argentine players Luis Scola (left) and Juan Sanchez. REUTERS

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico—The latest victory for the US Olympic qualifying team came with a soundtrack—the repeated roar of "Whoa" from the crowd—that kept them from playing their best.

Several members of the American team put on a dunking exhibition during the pre-game layup line, and the show kept going in the first quarter as the United States defeated Venezuela 98-69 Friday night.

But in winning for the third straight night at the Olympic qualifying tournament, the Americans did it with a mixture of flair and sloppiness—seeming to lose their focus after opening an early 20-point lead.

Venezuela stuck around and pulled within 12 late in the third quarter, but the Americans did enough to keep from being seriously threatened.

The crowd—especially the people in the US$19 seats on the third level—roared with appreciation during the layup drills as Vince Carter, Tracy McGrady, Richard Jefferson and others pulled off several breathtaking dunks.

There was more of the same early in the game, beginning with a windmill dunk by McGrady off an alley-oop pass from Allen Iverson for an 8-4 lead followed by an underhanded alley-oop pass from Iverson to McGrady for another jam.

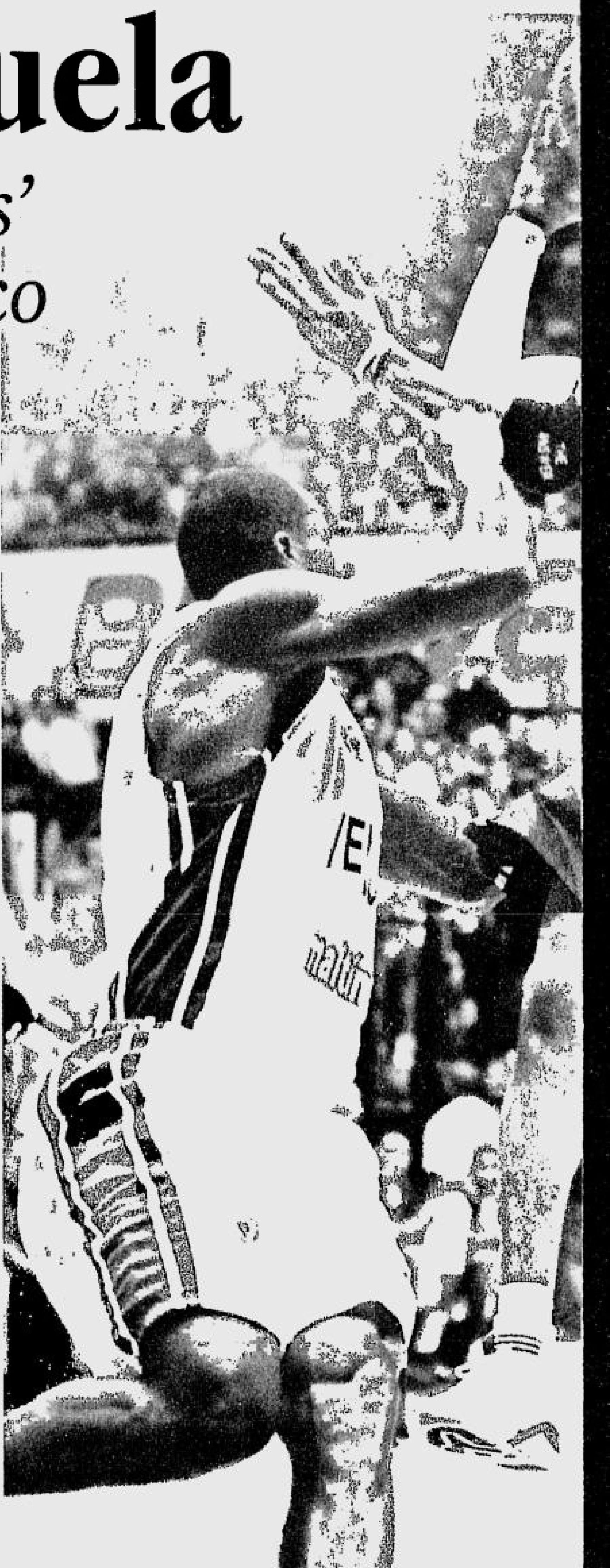
A dunk by Elton Brand early in the second quarter got the lead up to 38-18, but the Americans started to make careless mistakes and had trouble executing against Venezuela's steady diet of zone defenses.

Venezuela shot just 2-for-17 from inside the 3-point line and 8-for-18 from beyond it in the first half and trailed 52-35 at intermission.

The lead shrunk to 12 midway through the third quarter on a drive by Carlos Morris, but Iverson beat everyone downcourt for a layup to start a 9-3 run that ended with a steal and dunk by McGrady for a 76-57 lead.

In earlier games, Argentina defeated Canada 94-90 behind 21 points from Luis Scola, 19 from Manu Ginobili and 18 from Andres Nocioni. Steve Nash went 6-for-6 on 3-pointers and had 24 points and 10 assists for Canada.

Also, the Dominican Republic defeated the US Virgin Islands, 69-65, and Mexico beat Uruguay, 80-68. *AP*



Student threatens Kobe accuser, charged

IOWA CITY, Iowa—A University of Iowa student was charged with threatening to kill the woman accusing Kobe Bryant of sexual assault.

John William Roche, 22, was arrested Thursday afternoon for allegedly leaving a profanity laced message on the accuser's answering machine July 27, according to a federal grand jury indictment.

Roche is charged with making a threatening telephone call across state lines. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

The caller threatened to assault the Eagle, Colorado, woman with a coat hanger and repeatedly said he would kill her, the indictment said. Authorities did not say how the call was traced to Roche.

A friend, Elliot Schwind, described Roche as a "sports fanatic" who had been drinking all day at a golf tournament when he allegedly made the call.

BRYANT AP

Jeff Dorschner, spokesperson for the US Attorney's Office in Denver, confirmed Bryant's accuser was the target but declined to comment further.

Roche appeared in federal court in Rock Island, Illinois, late Thursday where he posted bond and was released, Dorschner said. He was ordered to appear Sept. 2 in US District Court in Denver.

Bryant, 24, is charged with sexually assaulting a 19-year-old resort employee near Vail, Colorado, on June 30. The Los Angeles Lakers star has said the sex was consensual.

Bryant's case has drawn widespread attention, including fan Web sites devoted to the case, some disclosing the identity of Bryant's accuser. The judge handling the case has said some letters sent to authorities about the case have included death threats. *AP*

Ginebra cue artists reach semifinals

GINEBRA Kapitan outplayed Nikon Electric Fan in the last four racks to score a 7-5 victory Friday to claim the second semifinals seat of the Corporate Billiards League (CBL) at the Robinson's Galleria.

Allan Dulao, dubbed as "Tirador ng Cotabato," and No. 1 Asian Trick Shot King Julie Falcon ignited the rally before Gaga Gabica, who rose to fame after clinching the German Open crown, wrapped up Ginebra Kapitan's victory with his combination shot.

With the win, Ginebra Kapitan joined Beer Na Beer into the single-round robin semifinals for the chance to win the winner-take-all P100,000 top purse.

Nikon actually led all the way in this initial staging sponsored by Tanduay The No. 1 Rhum with the support of Rommel Billiards, as the duo of the country's first pro trainer Monching Mistica and Chris Serna drew the first blood for a 5-3 lead.

However, a spate of miseries haunted Nikon as they committed several fouls in the ensuing play.

Long wait pays off for

THE LONG wait is over for the Philippine College of Criminology.

PCCr almost failed to make it to the finals as it lost its first game in the championship round but still went on to claim the title in the recent Nike Battleground Asia at the expense of Holy Child School of Davao, 31-25, at the Carousel Court of the Festival Supermall.

PCCr coach Gene Roland Tumapat said his team waited eight long years before they could win a title in a Nike-sponsored basketball event, finishing only second or third place in previous events.

PCCr nearly missed the finals when Philippine Science High School beat them in the penultimate round of the Metro Manila 3-on-3 qualifying to force a do-or-die battle.

In the finals, the team lost its first game to Holy Child, 21-19, but PC
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was a show-woman in the broadest
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received the gold medal—the
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tition—and her face glistened.
in the week, she said this would likely be her last world championships and next year in Greece, her last Olympics.

"I hope I have contributed a lot to gymnastics, and that my name will remain in its history," she said last week. Undoubtedly it will.

It's a good bet, however, that next year, she'll have some pretty good Americans pushing her.

Patterson, the American junior all-around champion last year, had won every meet she had been healthy enough to enter in the past year. She was still nursing the elbow at this year's nationals, however, and didn't compete. That, plus the strange circumstances of the week, left her a bit overlooked.

That will likely end.

Her floor routine, also a hip-shaking, saucy number, received a 9.537, a score bettered only by Khorkina. She was fine on the bars and on balance beam, she did some of the hardest tricks around.

Her ridiculously difficult Arabian jump, a half twist into a front flip on the 4-inch beam, was perfect. To end the routine, she did a roundoff, back handspring into a half twist with two somersaults—in other words, the most difficult dismount in the world.

All that gave her a .225-point lead heading into the final event, but given the competition, she basically needed Khorkina to falter to have a chance.

After Khorkina's routine, Patterson needed a 9.45 to win, and her vault had a start value of 9.7. It meant she had to be nearly perfect, or try something harder. *AP*

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IVERSON (right) makes a pass over Venezuelan forward Luis Julio.
REUTERS

Venus quits US Open

NEW YORK—Forget an all-Williams final. The US Open will be a no-Williams affair.

Venus Williams joined younger sister Serena on the sideline for the year's last Grand Slam tournament, withdrawing Friday because of the abdominal injury that has bothered her since May. The US Open, which starts Monday, will be the first major without a Williams since the 1997 Australian Open.

It also will be a test for a sport that has benefited from the sisters' on-court skills and off-court popularity.

"It's a shame for the fans. Serena and Venus have been the ones dominating the Slams the last few years," 1998 Open champion Lindsay Davenport said. "It's always exciting, especially for the New York crowd, to have at least one of them there. Now both of them are gone."

Neither has played since Serena beat Venus for the Wimbledon title on July 5, the fifth Williams vs. Williams championship match in the past six Slams, all won by Serena. She pulled out of the US Open on Aug. 1, after left knee surgery. *AP*

CAPRIATI answers with a backhand against Mauresmo. AFP

Jennifer, Lindsay in final

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut—Third-seeded Jennifer Capriati advanced to the finals of the Pilot Pen when Amelie Mauresmo retired due to an upset stomach midway through their match.

Capriati was up 6-3, 3-1 Friday night when the second-seeded Mauresmo withdrew.

Mauresmo said she began feeling ill after her quarterfinal win Thursday and felt worse Friday. She speculated she may have fallen ill to either a stomach virus, food poisoning or the sweltering heat of the last two days in New Haven.

"It's tough to play in a match against a player like Jennifer when you're not 100 percent," said Mauresmo, of France. "There's no point. I tried, but it doesn't make sense."

Top-seeded Lindsay Davenport beat Elena Dementieva of Russia, 6-4, 6-2, in sweltering conditions in the afternoon, reaching the final of the US Open tune-up for the fourth time in five years. *AP*

Aynaoui stuns Kuerten; Srichaphan gains semis

LONG ISLAND, New York—Younes El Aynaoui battled his way to a 7-6, 6-4 upset victory over second seed Gustavo Kuerten to move into the semifinals of the TD Waterhouse Cup on Friday.

Joining the Moroccan in the last four is defending champion and top seed Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand, who cruised to a 6-4, 6-3 victory over American qualifier Jeff Morrison.

El Aynaoui, the number seven seed, ran off 16 straight points on his own serve at one point to oust the three-time French Open champion from the final warm-up event for the US Open.

His next opponent is American James Blake, who will be looking for his second career title after rallying to defeat Finland's Jarrko Nieminen, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, to secure his place in Saturday's semifinals.

"He (Nieminen) surprised me," Blake admitted. *Reuters*

5th in a row for White Sox

CHICAGO—Jose Valentin hit a pair of homers and drove in four runs as the streaking Chicago White Sox won their fifth straight game, downing the Texas Rangers 7-1 in American League play on Friday.

The White Sox now lead the AL Central by a full game over Kansas City and 1 1/2 games over the Minnesota Twins after the Royals edged the Twins 3-2. *Reuters*

Ecuador walker sets world mark

SAINT-DENIS, France—Ecuador's Jefferson Perez set a world record in the 20-kilometer walk Saturday to win the first gold medal of the World Championships and pick up a US$160,000 jackpot.

Perez finished the race in 1 hour, 17.21 minutes, beating the record by a second. Spain's Francisco Fernandez held the previous mark of 1:17.22, set in April 2002.

Fernandez took the silver Saturday in 1:18.00 with defending champion Roman Rasskazov of Russia third in 1:18.07

Perez, 29, was the youngest ever walking champion when he took the title at the 1996 Atlanta Games. He also won the walk at the Pan Am Games earlier this month.

"To walk before a public like that and set a world record is a dream," Perez said after crossing the line at the 71,000-seat Stade de France in the first event of the nine-day championships.

It was the first world record at the World Championships since Michael Johnson broke the 400 mark in Seville, Spain, four years ago.

On top of the US$60,000 prize for the title, Perez will receive a $100,000 bonus for setting a new world record.

The International Association of Athletics Federations previously recognized only "world best" times for walking, marathon and other road events. But the IAAF decided this week to extend official "world record" status to those races.

Fernandez made an early break and had opened a gap of a dozen seconds around the 5K mark over a dwindling group of a dozen trying to keep up with the punishing pace. Just after the halfway mark, the lead had grown to half a minute. *AP*

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NIKE Battleground Asian champion Philippine College of Criminology hoists its glass trophy after beating Holy Child School of Davao, 31-25, in the finals recently at the Carousel Court of the Festival Supermall. With them are Nike Philippines marketing communications executive Rely San Agustin and sports marketing manager Auty Villarama.

SPORTS noodle

ANSWERS From page A20

1. True (Any stroke is permitted in freestyle events, but all competitors choose the crawl because it is the fastest stroke.)
2. Two
3. 50 meters
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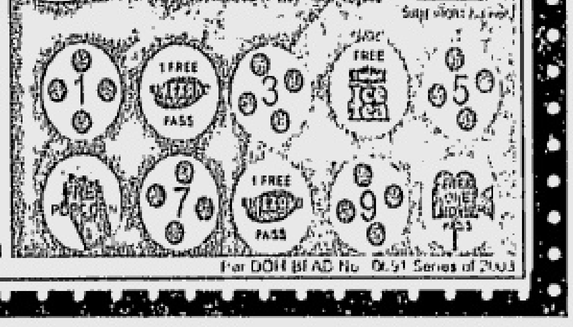

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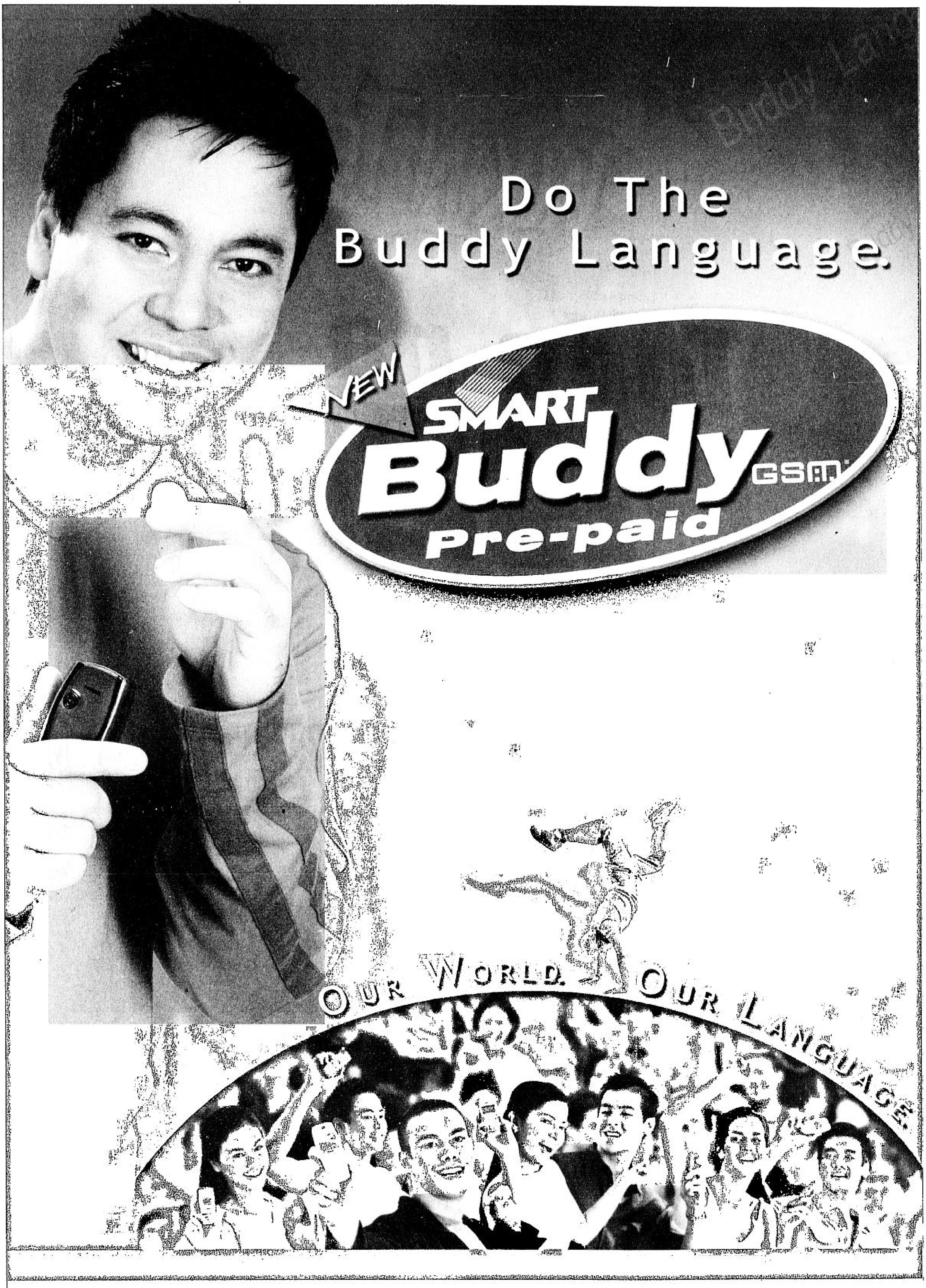

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'If you're not prepared for a challenge, do what it takes to be'

BENGZON today

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

HE came from a family of lawyers, but Alfredo R. A. Bengzon decided against pursuing the same profession because of his impression that Law requires a good memory.

A military career was also not an option because he did not the buy the idea of blindly obeying superiors. So he went to medical school, instead.

Bengzon pursued his medical studies at the University of the Philippines and finished in May, 1961. He jokingly says he was warned he would "lose his soul in UP" after spending about 15 years at the Ateneo de Manila University where he graduated magna cum laude for his premed studies.

FIRST JOB

Since Ateneo did not have any medical school, he had to go to UP. And it was during his residency training at the Philippine General Hospital where he earned his first income.

It was P8 a month, he recalls, a small amount. But he and fellow interns got free meals, which he described as "terrible" with the steak nicknamed Moby Dick because it was "very tough meat."

ALRAN and Nini Bengzon at the Luneta during the Marcos protest years

After his one-year internship, he and his long-time girlfriend Nini Angara planned to get married. Originally, their wedding day would fall just after the board exams, but the exams were rescheduled so Bengzon ended up taking the board exams three days after they got married.

"We just spent the day after our wedding in Tagaytay, then I said I had to study for the board exams, so I wouldn't be able to pay her much attention. She understood," he says.

After more than 40 years of marriage, the 67-year-old can still remember how they first met, as if it was just yesterday.

"I met her on Dec. 19, 1955 at the house of a friend who was having a social. When I saw her I said to myself, Wow! Now this is somebody I wanted to meet. I was 20 years old then and she was 18," Bengzon recalls with a smile.

Bengzon, however, told himself that he couldn't possible pursue a relationship because he had to complete his studies and becoming a doctor is demanding.

Bengzon was also torn by the fact that he seriously considered entering the priesthood and becoming a Jesuit.

"But the more I concentrated on my studies, the more difficult it was to forget her," he says.

AS a young student in Berlin

Bengzon followed the wishes of his heart and carried on a relationship with his one and only girlfriend, whom he later married in 1961 when he was 26.

Letting go of a dream

He let go of his dream of becoming a priest.

"Some people said that it was because of Nini but no, it was because I was in turmoil and not at peace. And I always believed that if a decision is right, you should be at peace," he says.

Two weeks before he was supposed to enter the priesthood, he went to the spiritual director and said that he changed his mind.

"The scene was very dramatic. There was thunder and lightning while I was telling my director my reasons for changing my mind. He said the devil was tempting me. But I stuck to my decision and I think now that it was one of the most courageous decisions I made in my life," he says.

Bengzon says that experience taught him the lesson that if you deeply believe that you are right, then there should be inner peace.

He adds that one should not be afraid to change his mind if you believe you are not making the right decision.

That was one of many crossroads in Bengzon's life and he says he applied himself fully in medical school after making the decision about the priesthood.

He passed the medical board and decided on his specialization.

Interest in the human mind

He avoided pediatrics because he couldn't emotionally handle the sight of sick children, he hated obstetrics and gynecology because of the long waiting hours, endocrinology was a possibility but he ended up pursuing neurology.

"I chose neurology because I was always interested in psychiatry. I was always interested in the way how people acted in certain ways, although it has been said that Freud is the devil incarnate," he says.

His decision was further strengthened when the opportunity came up to go to Freie Universitat in Berlin, Germany as a Research Fellow in Neuropharmacology. The field involved the proper use of medicine and brain chemistry.

"People said I was crazy to go to Berlin because there was tension in Europe at that time but my parents just said that I should do what I thought was right and with my wife's support we left for

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School paves way for e-Learning in the North

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DAGUPAN CITY—All Grade 4 to fourth year high school students of Edna's School here are guided to the computer world through an innovative way of learning.

Edna's School is one of the non-sectarian schools in the Ilocos region that pioneered the implementation of e-Learning among its students and the first in Northern Luzon to adopt e-Learning technology in its curriculum.

School director Edna Gonzales says computer courses have been part of the 37-year-old school's curriculum since 1991.

"We are constantly upgrading our curriculum to fit it to the needs of the changing times, and this is why we signed up with Yapster e-Learning Inc. for a three-year contract," she says.

Yapster e-Learning Inc. is the country's leading e-Learning provider with a growing library of over 1,500 courses on business and information technology (IT).

It offers courses only from globally accredited vendors, assuring customers of undated and globally accepted learning and training.

The school has a computer room that can accommodate 35 students for their hands-on exercises.

The preparatory students will continue having computer educational games; Grades 1 and 2 students the kiddie logo programming; and Grade 3 students the introduction to basic programming.

Four teachers, two from Edna's School in Dagupan and two from its San Carlos campus, have undergone a training seminar conducted by the Yapster e-Learning on system's functions.

"We are ready to teach e-Learning," says Jennifer Ferrer, a computer teacher. "(Our) students are excited to study computer through the e-Learning course."

Included in the e-Learning subscription are basic information technology (IT) courses and programming languages which are recognized by internationally accredited vendors such as Microsoft.

The basic IT courses offered will cover introduction to computer and information technology, operating systems and data filing, word processing, spreadsheets, presentation and the Internet.

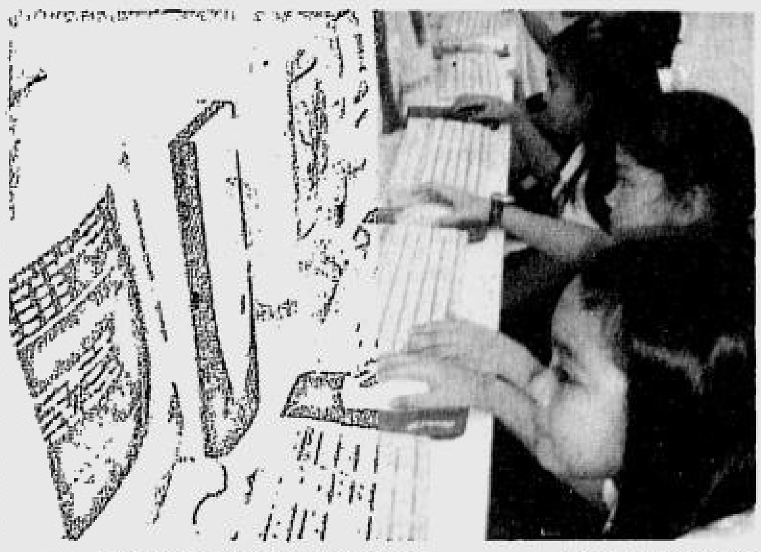
Candy Gonzales-Blancaflor, Edna's School academic director, said the administration decided to take on e-Learning courses as part of the school's educational services to its students.

But the information technology course was not the only innovation in the Edna's School curriculum, said grade school principal Rosie Villanueva.

The school has adopted "the multiple intelligences (MIs)," a theory developed by Dr. Howard Gardner on the holistic approach to education that focuses on all aspects of child development—intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual.

"The trend now is, when a student excels in one of the multiple intelligences (Ex: spatial, musical, linguistic, natural spiritual logical reasoning and emotional intelligence), then he or she is intelligent," Villanueva says.

The school applies "thematic learning" in which the teachers present lessons in a variety of ways through music, art activities, role-playing, multimedia and field trips.



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Ibana does not have trade secrets—she shares strategies with collectors on how to convince creditors to honor obligations even during hard-up seasons like tuition months. During regular meetings, she rallies her agents to be creative by thinking of incentives for clients and providing extra-reliable after-sales service to gain customer loyalty.

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Industry titans of the '20s dish out 'modern' thoughts

EXECUTIVE READ

"Wisdom from the Robber Barons"
By George David Smith & Frederick Dalzell
Castle Books, 2002

By Dante M. Velasco
Contributor

THE BOOK'S title is attractive enough—"Wisdom from the Robber Barons."(I picked it out from a cozy bookstore called Libris Books.)

Mixing robbers and barons is intriguing. (I recall a text message, which says: Little thieves go to prison, while big thieves are elected to public office!)

Are we talking about the same thing in the case of this breed of barons? The authors give an explanation to this two-phrase appellation:

"Robbers—some of them anyway—became 'Barons.' Men like Henry Ford were not necessarily bent on getting rich—but they did.

As they build up business empires, hard-driving industrialists acquired vast personal wealth. They became so rich that their holdings dwarfed those of the country's traditional elite."

But this book is much more than detailing the ways these robber barons got rich, as if money was there for the picking.

Set in the period from 1870 to 1929, the historical accounts in this book prove the truism that "history repeats—and renews (if I may add) itself."

We have been told about—and thus accustomed to—the idea that the rich and famous in a past as distant as the roaring twenties used crude and antiquated methods while on the way to making vast fortunes (and earning fame in the process).

But, if you read this lively history of the titans of industry—like Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Andrew Carnegie, John Rockefeller, Alfred Sloan and J.P. Morgan—you will be surprised that they were ahead of their time.

We held the view, for example, the "customer-driven company" was a new thing.

But, Henry Ford said it sometime in 1908: "We start with the customer, work back through the design, and finally arrive at manufacturing."

Theodore Levitt in the nineties went on to criticize "marketing myopia,".and batted for a "market-driven, not production-dictated strategy."

We thought that relying heavily on advertising to sell products is a modern concept, but listen to Atlanta chemist John Pemberton, who concocted a dark sugar water: "If I could get $25,000, I would spend $24,000 for advertising, the remainder in making Coca Cola. Then we would all be rich."

As business history would have it, a marketing wizard, Asa Candler, gained control of this giant soda firm.

And in this century which we prefer to view as dominated by the "knowledge society," we say that "thought capital" is a new thing, and coming up with crazy ideas is a newfangled reality.

But, what would you make of this quote from Mark Twain:

"The man with a new idea is a Crank until the idea succeeds." (I recall a quote that follows the same logic: "Coup plotters, when they fail, are terrorists; when they succeed, they are liberators.")

On to saner matters... Were the robber barons thinking only of money?

Harvey Firestone, who became the largest supplier of tires to Ford, said otherwise. "Thought, not money, is the real business capital," he said.

On competing strategies, the book gives accounts of varying styles. Carnegie hated pirating managers.

In contrast, Rockefeller bought out rival oil refiners and pirated competitors' business managers.

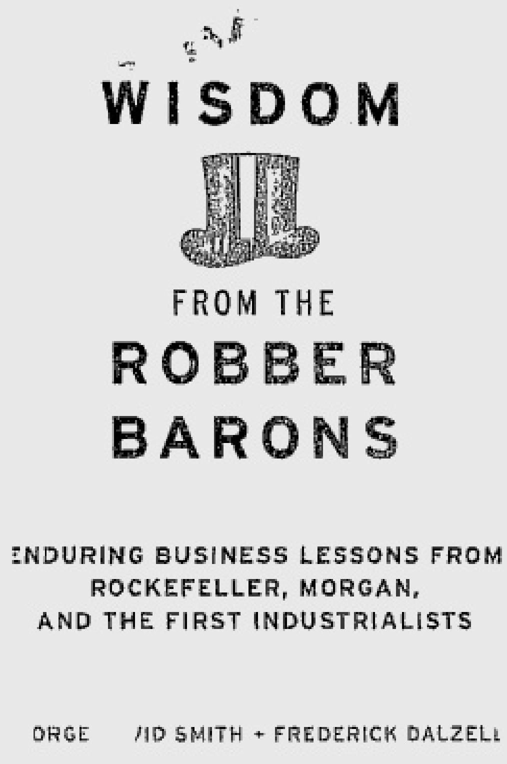
An interesting discussion on "creativity" and "bureaucracy" is instructive to us in this so-called modern business world where a "bureaucrat" is a bad name.

And yet, the pioneers confessed their need for a system-driven bureaucracy. The authors said: "Creators had to become, or give way to, bureaucrats."

Were the robber barons aware of their social responsibilities? Much has been said about William Vanderbilt who was quoted as saying that, "The public be damned"; and J.P. Morgan barking, "I owe the public nothing."

The book explains this outburst: "Morgan's response was actually more neutral. But it betrayed a deep public uneasiness with the power that people like Morgan were accumulating."

Ford said something that underscores the social function of companies beyond profit.



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ENDURING BUSINESS LESSONS FROM
ROCKEFELLER, MORGAN,
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When asked by his shareholders, "What do you mean by "doing as much good as possible?" Ford's answer was: "Give employment and send out the car where the people can use it." The shareholders countered: "Is that all?" Ford's answer might as well be the reply of the devotees of corporate social responsibility:

"I suppose ... incidentally, we make money."

From the looks of it, the strategies and mindsets of these barons prove to be as timely and as relevant today as when they conquered territories in the past.

The difference is, their ideas come more fresh, simpler and more direct - shorn of complex theories and models.

Harking back to the creators would surely be useful for our "modern" thinkers who would realize their ideas are not so modern after all. *(dantemvelasco@yahoo.com)*

'If you're not prepared for a challenge, do what it takes to be'

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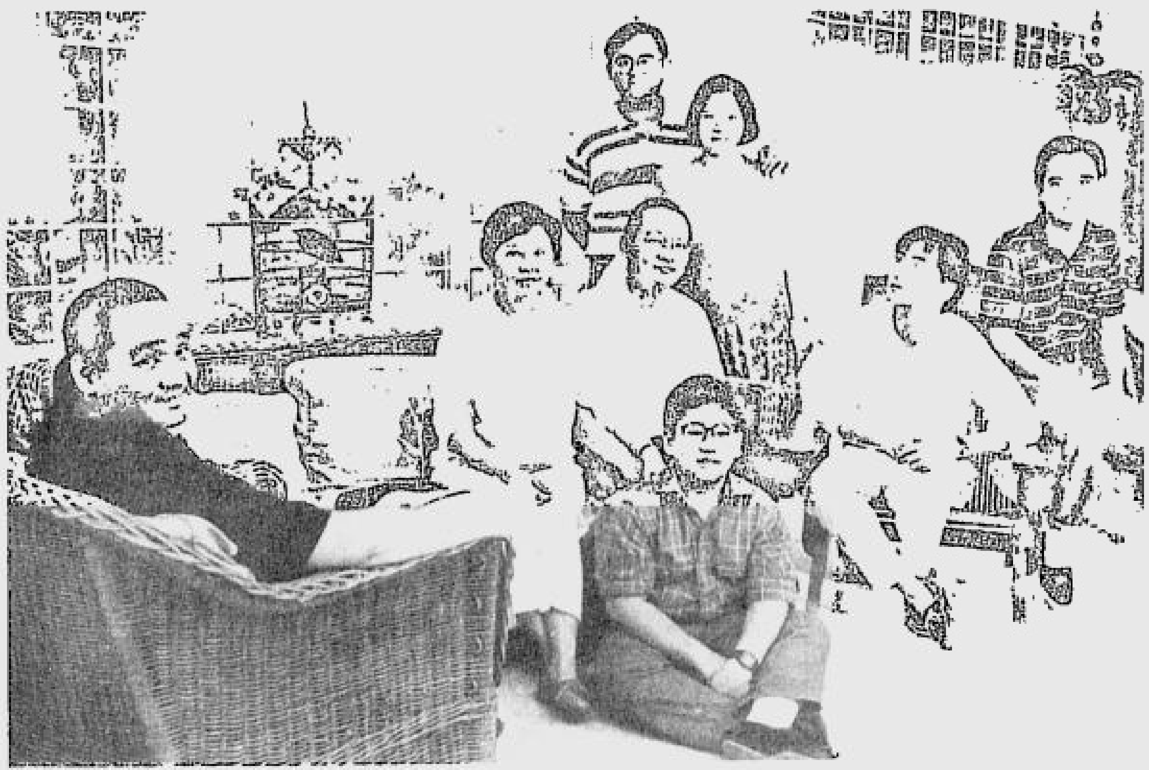

BENGZON with his young family

Berlin," he says.

It was their first trip abroad, first time to grapple with a foreign language and there they had their first baby.

They stayed in Berlin for a year, then moved to the University of Wisconsin as Resident in Neurology, then to the Montreal Neurological Institute as a senior fellow in Electroencephalography. He also pursued fellowships offered by the National Institute of Disease and Blindness in Maryland, USA and Cleveland Clinic, USA.

Bengzon and his family came back in 1967 to establish his practice, and he thought that to be a good practitioner, he should affiliate himself with only one hospital. He also thought that there should be more to life than just practicing medicine.

"Besides, I feel that I would be selling myself short to my patients if I went to three or four hospitals, so I stuck to one" he says.

That hospital was the The Medical City in Ortigas. But barely two years after the hospital was opened, it was on the very of collapse. He was on the board as executive vice president and assistant medical director, and he was asked to sign for a loan that he thought would mean financial ruin for the hospital.

Intro to business

"I resigned form the board, but I saw that it was going down and I felt that I had an obligation to take care of the hospital and so I consulted Martin Bonoan, president of the Economic Development Foundation, and my patient, and asked him as a businessman what I should do and he said change the management, get the proxies and do it. And I said what is a proxy? I did not know much about business then," Bengzon says.

"He said it meant that I should get sufficient number of people who want a change in management. So I went to see the other doctors and I found out that there were a lot of us who wanted change. With 11 seats, we had enough votes to change the board and from there I thought I should be prepared to handle business, so I went to business school in Ateneo," he says.

He says that it is a good principle to live by: When you are thrown in a situation, ask if you are prepared for the challenges, if you are not, then do what it takes to be prepared.

Doctor goes to business

Bengzon, at 34, enrolled in the Ateneo Grade School for Senior Executives in 1970, which was still along Padre Faura.

His thesis was "Why Hospitals Get into Trouble." He had a special interest in the subject because of the situation that the Medical City was in.

Going through the research to complete the thesis exposed him to all dimensions of the business of the top five hospitals at that time, their operations and eventually the reasons behind their financial difficulties.

A number of doctors followed Bengzon to the business school, prompting the Ateneo to offer degrees in hospital administration and health and health care management.

"I believe that the financial, organizational and administrative problems of running a hospital would really test your mettle," he says.

The next major turning point in Bengzon's career was Martial law. It was a difficult situation he says. Nobody could speak out, and it ran against his ideals.

"My parents have always taught me that to disagree does not necessarily mean to be disloyal and Ateneo has always taught its students to express themselves and if you have wisdom, express it eloquently. Those teachings were anathema to the times," he says.

But within a month, he found a way to express himself—through his students.

"I said that the rules that govern the body politic are the same as nature. So what should be our response if there is something wrong, then we should resist. I felt exhilarated after that lecture because I found a way to express myself," he says.

After two weeks he got a visit from military officers, who said that he was agitating his students. He said he was just lecturing about the nervous system and the primacy of the brain. They saw through him, however, and said that if he knew what was good for him, he should just stick to medicine.

"They told me that what I was doing may be dangerous to my health," he says.

But he continued his underground protest activities, with the support of his family, and organized small groups that discussed ways to counter the worse of Martial Law.

"Those sessions allowed me to remain whole. That is what integrity is all about," he says.

He continued to do business even through Martial Law, saying that being in the medical field is always a good cover for political activities.

First HMO

Bengzon joined Bancom Healthcare Corp. in 1974 as Managing Director and that was another turning point. It exposed Bengzon to other fields of medical practice such that in 1977, Bengzon was instrumental in putting up the first HMO in the country—Integrated Healthcare Services, which was part of Bancom.

And then Ninoy Aquino was assassinated on Aug. 21, 1983 and Bengzon said that was "a defining moment" because for some reason, he was filled with a sense of outrage.

"I wound up going to Times street everyday and I did not even know Cory. I would wake up at 2 in the morning and I felt so afraid that there would be no more people in Times street so I would go there and I was happy to see that there were a lot of people. When Ninoy's body went to Sto. Domingo I would also line up everyday. I was exhilarated that was what was repressed for so long suddenly came out during the wake. That was the way it was at that time," Bengzon says.

Bengzon then became involved in the Convenor Group, the objective of which was to help opposition leaders come up with some kind of unity to battle Marcos.

"Since we were apolitical, we were able to talk to the different groups. We would meet at Cory's house and then everybody began to recognize that only Cory can unify the opposition, and so a grieving widow was transformed into a public person," he says.

That move ended in Edsa I and that experience was something that even Bengzon could not put in words, having gone through one struggle after another and finally being able to go with his family to Edsa to participate in the outpouring of support for a new government.

Bengzon was immediately asked to join the government as Health Secretary and he says he discovered many things while serving government - you have to hold on to your own set of beliefs.

His stint also made him more understanding of human nature although he was no less a taskmaster when it came to meeting work standards.

He left government in 1992 and went to see Ateneo's Joaquin Bernas S.J. about setting up a school of government in the Ateneo.

He proposed a school for government because Bengzon was one of many who looked at government as a place where programs were all wrong, the organizations were creaky and that most people were corrupt.

"It did not take me long to realize that I was wrong and that the most inspirational people that one would meet is in government. Everywhere I went, I told the story of Bing Magala, a worker in Abra who drowned while carrying vaccines in her back. She sought neither reward nor any publicity for her work. She just did it through a lost pregnancy and operations that cost her a kidney and a spleen," Bengzon says.

He says it was the task of leaders, to mold people like Magala who were willing to serve, not for material reward, but for the sheer joy of serving people. That justified putting up a school for government, and thus, a school was born in the Ateneo and in 1993, Bengzon was asked to head the Graduate School of Business.

"I was a little hesitant because I do not define myself as a businessman, I am still a medical professional but I took on the challenge," Bengzon says.

One of the first things he did when he took on the job in February 1994 was to get the faculty together and together define what is so Ateneo about the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, and following that, what was the GSB in relation to the university, to the competition and to the market or the world of wealth and power.

"I think my contribution is providing the school with an identity and a mission. We say that as a school of business, we are there to help people who come to us to develop in skills in the world of wealth and power. To do that, we align the individual and the institution to hopefully produce students who would help the community and the country. They should not be at cross purposes," he says.

This is true for all the programs offered by the Ateneo Graduate School of Business: MBA Standard Program, Ateneo-Regis MBA Program, MBA Program for Middle Managers, MBA in Health Program and MS in Health Care Management.

As he celebrates his 67th birthday on Oct. 20, he says he has realized that deep within each person is a desire to do something bigger and better than themselves, thus, organizations and institutions such as the Ateneo Graduate School of Business, should provide them the avenue to do that.

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1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the World Bank (WB) in various currencies towards the cost of the KALAHI-CIDSS Project (Loan Nos. WB-IBRD 7147 PH). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contract for which this request for quotation is issued.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), hereinafter referred to as the Purchaser, hereby invites interested bidders to submit a fixed quotation for the following items:
   - a. One (1) unit Passenger Van (RFQ NO. KALAHI-CIDSS/03-DSWD-016)
   - b. Three (3) units Airconditioning Units (RFQ NO. KALAHI-CIDSS/03-DSWD-013)
   - c. Sixteen (16) units of Combo Machine (RFQ NO. KALAHI-CIDSS/03-DSWD-014)
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   - k. Two (2) units Television set (RFQ NO. KALAHI-CIDSS/O3-DSWD-012)
3. A complete set of bidding documents for the Supply and Delivery of Passenger Van and Airconditioning Units may be purchased by interested bidders starting **August 25, 2003** upon submission of a Letter of Intent to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ONE THOUSAND PESOS (PhP 1,000.00) each. Pre-bid conference for the Supply and Delivery of Airconditioning Units will be held on **August 27, 2003** at 9:00 a.m. and for the Supply and Delivery of Passenger Van at 10:00 a.m.
4. Information on the Technical Specifications for items C to K may be obtained at the BAC Secretariat 2nd Floor, DSWD Building, Constitution Hills, Quezon City starting **August 25, 2003**. Opening of sealed Quotations will be on **August 27, 2003** at 2:00 p.m.
5. Should you require any clarification on this Request for Quotation, please notify the Purchaser in writing or by fax at the address below.

Chairperson
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills
Quezon City, Philippines
Tel. 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125
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(Sgd.) **Asst. Sec. RHODA F. YAP**
Assistant Secretary &
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Early Childhood Development Project
Loan Agreement No. ADB-ADF 1607 PHI (SF)

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Develdopment (DSWD) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in financing the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). Part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligible payments for the conduct of a research study.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development now invites eligible research institution/agencies to apply for the provision of consulting services to undertake the following studies:

Title of Study	Objectives of the Study	Minimum Qualifications
a. Evaluative Study on the Impact of ECD-IEC Materials	Evaluate/assess all produced/ developed ECD-IEC materials under the ECD Project (including materials developed by the Implementing Agencies and Local Government Units) on the basis of their content, format, presentation, medium, rationality, acceptability, understandability and impact.	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years
b. Evaluation of the Continuum and Best Practices of Project Educational Activities	To review and assess the continuum of all educational activities; and identify and document best practices and alternative methods of teaching-learning in the Early Childhood Development Project	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years

3. Interested research institutions may obtain further information and secure a complete set of Information to Consultants, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting **September 1, 2003** from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone numbers: 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125. Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished Information to Consultant, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents is on **September 22, 2003**.

(Sgd.) **Asst. Sec. RHODA F. YAP**
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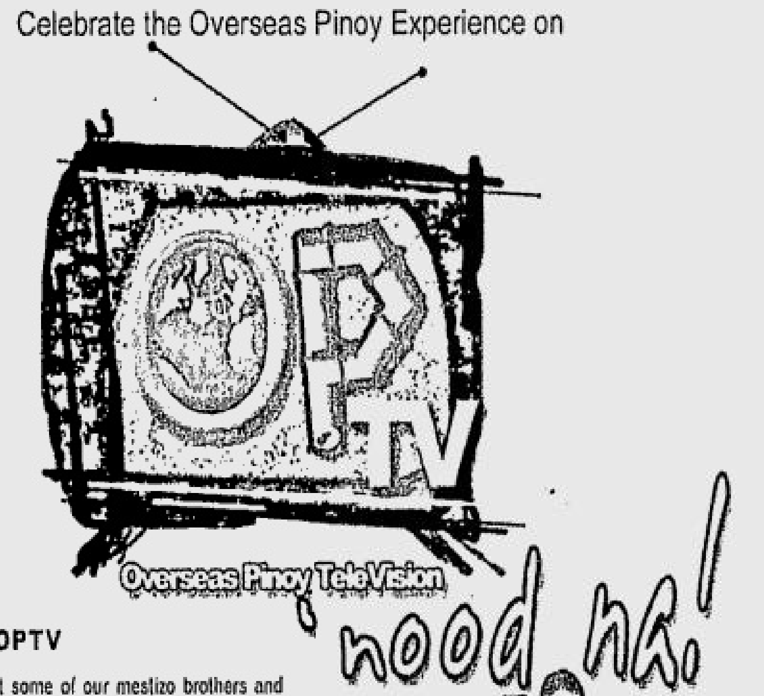

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Division of Kalinga

Invitation for Bids (IFB)

IFB No. KAL-001SBP-2003

August 24, 2003

To All Qualified Bidders:

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), towards the cost of financing the Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP) and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payment for civil works component of the project. Bidding is open to all bidders classified by IAC and PBAC as at least Medium Sub Category A for General Building and from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under JBIC Loans (Nov 1987)*

2. The Division Bids and Awards Committee (DBAC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the following proposed Bid Packages:

Package No. KAL-08/09-021	Construction of One unit – Two (2) Classrooms TEEP School Building @ Lay-asan PS/Construction of One unit – Two (2) Classrooms TEEP School Building @ Babbanoy PS/ Repair of One unit – One (1) Classroom School Building @ Dacalan ES, all at the Municipality of Tanudan; and Construction of One unit – One (1) Classroom TEEP School Building @ Bangad ES, Tinglayan, Kalinga.
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(Sgd.) **EDMUND P. COMAAD, ED.D.**
Schools Division Superintendent/Chairperson
Division Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–Aug. 24, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Municipality of Caoayan
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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Date 24 August 2003
World Bank Loan No.: 4446 PH

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development towards the cost of Local Government Finance and Development and intends to apply part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the Contract for the Construction of The FUERTE Sea Wall. Bidding is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the *Guidelines: Procurement under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits.*
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3. Bidding documents may be purchased starting August 25 to September 19, 2003 at The OFFICE of the BAC Chair, Municipal Mayor's Office, Municipal Building, Caoayan, Ilocos Sur upon payment of a non-refundable fee of THREE THOUSAND PESOS (PHP 3,000.00) or its equivalent in a freely-convertible currency, for each set. Interested bidders may obtain further information at the same address.
4. Bids shall be valid for a period of ninety (90) days after bid opening and must be accompanied by security of **PESOS: THREE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 (PHP330,000.00)** in forms of cash, certified check, bank guarantee or its equivalent in a convertible currency, and shall be delivered to the OFFICE of the BAC Chair, Municipal Mayor's Office, Municipal Building, Caoayan, Ilocos Sur on or before 9:00 AM of September 19, 2003 at which time they will be opened in the presence of the bidders who wish to attend.
5. A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM of September 5, 2003 at the OFFICE of the BAC Chair, Municipal Mayor's Office, Municipal Building, Caoayan, Ilocos Sur.

(Sgd.) MARIO R. TUGADE
Municipal Mayor/BAC Chair

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Land Registration Authority (LRA) invites all interested contractors, duly registered with the Government-Electronic Procurement System (G-EPS), to participate in the public bidding for the construction of the following infrastructure projects:

Project	Location	IAC License	Contract Duration	Approved Budget for the Contract
Registry of Deeds Bldg.	Aklan	Medium "A"	4 mos.	P3,717,690.12
Registry of Deeds Bldg.	Roxas City	Medium "A"	4 mos.	P3,108,433.22
Registry of Deeds Bldg.	San Fernando, La Union	Medium "A"	6 mos.	P6,708,625.00
Registry of Deeds Bldg.	Mambajao, Camiguin	Small "B"	4 mos.	P2,499,865.19

Interested Contractors shall be required to submit a LETTER OF INTENT for EACH PROJECT, addressed to the Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee for Infrastructure Projects (BAC-Infrastructure), 5th Floor, LRA Building, East Avenue corner NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City and shall submit for registration, a certified true copy of the following documents:

a. G-EPS and DTI or SEC Registration Certificate
b. Mayor's permit and Renewal of PCAD Contractor's License as of fiscal year 2003
c. Taxpayer's Identification Number
d. Sworn statement from the prospective bidder that it is not included in the "blacklist" issued by CIAP.

Eligibility Forms can be secured from the BAC-Infrastructure Secretariat, 5th Floor, LRA Building, **from September 02 to 05, 2003**, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PESOS FIVE HUNDRED (P500.00).

Deadline for the submission of eligibility requirements is on **September 15, 2003.** Prospective bidders shall present the original documents of all eligibility requirements for authentication purposes. Eligible parties shall be issued a complete set of Bid Documents on **September 25 to 29, 2003** upon payment of a non-refundable fee of PESOS THREE THOUSAND (P3,000.00).

The Pre-Bid Conference shall be held at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall, 5th Floor, LRA Building, on the following dates and time:

Project	Date	Time
RD-Aklan	September 30, 2003	10:00 a.m.
RD-Roxas City	September 30, 2003	1:30 p.m.
RD-San Fernando, La Union	September 30, 2003	3:30 p.m.
RD-Mambajao, Camiguin	October 01, 2003	1:30 p.m.

Sealed bids in two (2) envelopes shall be received and opened at the LRA Multi-Purpose Hall on the following dates and time:

Project	Date	Time
RD-Aklan	October 15, 2003	10:00 a.m.
RD-Roxas City	October 15, 2003	2:00 p.m.
RD-San Fernando, La Union	October 16, 2003	10:00 a.m.
RD-Mambajao, Camiguin	October 17, 2003	10:00 a.m.

The BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any required formality in the bids received, and accept such offer that may be considered most advantageous to LRA. The bidder shall bear all costs in the preparation of their bids and the government shall in no case be responsible or liable for their costs regardless of the outcome of the bidding process

(Sgd.) **EDILBERTO R. FELICIANO**
Chairman, BAC-Infrastructure

(PDI–August 17, 24 & 31, 2003)

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NATIONAL TRANSMISSION CORPORATION
South Luzon Operation & Maintenance

August 14, 2003

INVITATION FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Transmission Corporation, South Luzon Operation and Maintenance invites interested Filipino contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following projects/undertaking *(Application is also open to a joint venture of Filipino and foreign contractors with PCAB Special License for this project).*

Schedule	Contract Code/ Title	Location	Duration	Approved Budget for the Contract/Source of Fund	License and Registration Particulars Issued by PCAB
1.	Trans-03-CDCKM-03 Construction of Drainage Canal at Tower Nos. 62 and 63 along Kalayaan-Malaya 230 kV Transmission Line	Kalayaan-Malaya	60 calendar days	Php 399,986.57 / (ICB)	– at least *"Trade, General Engineering"* – at least *"Small A, Irrigation and Flood Control"*
2.	Trans-03-CDCGL-05 Construction of Drainage Canal at Tower No. 1 along Gumaca-Labo 230 kV Transmission Line	Gumaca - Labo	65 calendar days	Php 599,677.96 / (ICB)	– at least *"Category D&C, General Engineering"* – at least *"Small A, Irrigation and Flood Control"*

The Contract to be performed by the successful bidder shall consist of Furnishing All Labor, Materials, Supplies, Tools and Equipment, Supervision and other Incidentals necessary to complete the following undertaking. I. Construction of Drainage Canal at Tower Nos. 62 and 63 along Kalayaan-Malaya 230kV T/L
II. Construction of Drainage Canal at Tower No. 1 along Gumaca-Labo 230kV T/L

Applications for Eligibility (legal, technical and financial documents and statements) shall be evaluated using "PASS/FAIL" criteria and only Eligible Bidders shall be invited by NTC in the bidding. All bids equal to or lower than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be evaluated based on the responsiveness of the contractor's offer to the contract under bidding, and shall be subject to Postqualification before an award is made. Bid Prices submitted higher than the Approved Budget for the Contract to be Bid shall be rejected and returned outright.

Application for Eligibility and Eligibility Forms will be available for issuance starting August 18, 2003 up to September 2, 2003 at the Regional Contracts Management Office, NTC, South Luzon Operation and Maintenance, San Vicente, Biñan, Laguna, Telefax No. 520-8213 and E-mail Address: [illegible] upon presentation of Letter of Intent, original PCAB License and a payment of a non-refundable fee of P600.00 per copy

Deadline for submission of duly accomplished Application for Eligibility, Eligibility Forms, documents and statements shall be on or before 10:00 A.M. of September 2 and 3, 2003 for Schedule I and II respectively which shall be submitted at the office and address mentioned above. If the date is a non-working day or declared non-working day, the deadline for submission shall be moved to the next working day immediately following said date. Late submission and/or incomplete application shall not be accepted.

NTC reserves the right to reject any Application for Eligibility or all bids without offering any reasons, waive any required formality therein, and to make an award to the bidder whose proposal is most advantageous to the government.

Additional information shall be furnished upon request. All communication shall be addressed to the undersigned at the aforementioned address. (*Note: This invitation was based on the latest amendments dated May 24, 2000 and July 5, 2000 of Implementing Rules and Regulations of PD 1594 & Executive Order 40*).

(Sgd) R.D. RAMAS
Manager, Administration/
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI – August 24, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Early Childhood Development Project
Supply and Delivery of Diagnostic Test Kit
IFB No. WB-ECD-03-DOH-004

1. The Government of the Philippines has received a loan from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development toward the cost of Early Childhood Development Project, and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to payments under the contract for which this invitation for bids is issued.
2. The Department of Health now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of 50,000 diagnostic test kits.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the national competitive bidding and is open to all bidders from eligible source countries as defined in the World Bank Procurement Guidelines.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents at the Office of Procurement and Logistics Service, Building 26, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila with telephone number (632) 338-3413 to 14, fax number (632) 743-9582/711-6831 from **28 August to 22 September 2003**, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be purchased by interested bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) or US$150 including air courier for foreign bidders. The method of payment will be cash, or bank draft. If payment is in from of bank draft, the check should be for the account of the Department of Health. Information including names of potential bidders and contact persons, telephone and facsimile numbers, cable, e-mail and mailing address should be provided in the application to facilitate communications during the bidding process.
6. Bids must be delivered at the HHRDB Conference Room, Department of Health, Building 12A, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila at or before 9:00 a.m. on 23 September 2003. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security of not less than 2.5% of total bid. Late bids will be rejected outright and returned unopened to the bidder.
7. Prior to bid opening, a pre-bidding conference will be held at the HHRDB Conference Room at 9:00 a.m. on **September 9, 2003**.
8. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend on **September 23, 2003** at 9:01 a.m. at the HHRDB Conference Room, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

By the authority of the Secretary:

(Sgd.) **ALEXANDER A. PADILLA**
Undersecretary and Chairperson
Central Office Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - Aug 23 & 24 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
Office of the Secretary
CENTRAL OFFICE
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

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E-Mail Address: www.doh.gov.ph

8 AUGUST 2003

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

IFB NO. 2003-9-12 (20)

The Department of Health hereby invites sealed written bids for the Supply and Delivery of Emergency Room Equipment. The approved budget for this procurement is Two Million Seven Hundred Twenty Three Thousand (PhP2,723,000) Philippine Pesos, chargeable against the Continuing Appropriation for Capital Outlay of CY2002.

Only responsible and duly accredited suppliers/manufacturers/distributors as certified by the Department of Health Supplier's Accreditation Committee for Medical/Hospital/Laboratory/Dental Equipment and Supplies/Instruments are qualified to participate for the following:

Item No.	Description	Quantity	Unit
1.	ECG Machine, Manual, 220 VAC, 60 HZ	15	Units
	with build-in rechargeable battery		
2.	Stethoscope, Dual Diaphragm, Adult	40	Units
3.	Nebulizer, Compressor, 220V 60Hz	35	Units
4.	Oxygen Therapy Set (Oxygen Regulator)	35	Units
5.	Instrument Sterilizer, Table Type (local)	35	Units
6.	Minor Set, Stainless Steel	35	Sets
7.	Examination Table	35	Units
8.	Ambu Bag, Infant (Manual Resuscitator for Infant)	35	Units

A complete set of bidding documents may be obtained by interested bidders upon submission of Letter of Intent (LOI), authenticated valid DOH Supplier's Accreditation Certificate for Medical/Hospital/Laboratory Equipment and Supplies/Instruments and upon payment of non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (PhP2,000.00) from August 18 to September 9, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, at the Procurement and Logistics Service, Bldg. #26 Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, telefax no. (632) 711-68-31, tel. no. (632) 743-83-01 loc. 3626 & 3627.

A *pre-bidding conference* will be held on August 29, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. at HHRDB Conference Room, 3/F, Bldg. # 12-A, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

Bids must be submitted to the Central Office Bids and Awards Committee (COBAC) at the HHRDB Conference Room, 3/F Bldg. # 12-A, Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, not later than 9:30 a.m. on ***September 12, 2003***.

All bids must be accompanied by a bid security payable to the DOH in an amount equivalent to a percentage of the approved budget, in the form of cash, certified check, cashier's check, manager's check, bank draft (1%) and bank guarantee confirmed by a reputable local bank (1.5%) or any combination thereof, as may be required by the Department of Health.

The Department of Health reserves the right to accept or reject any bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to award of contract without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders or any obligation to inform the affected bidder or bidders of the grounds to the Department of Health.

By Authority of the Secretary of Health:
(Sgd.) **ALEXANDER A. PADILLA**
Undersecretary of Health
Chairperson, Central Office Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - August 17 & 24, 2003)

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Human Resources Division
2nd Floor, Zuellig Pharma Bldg.
Malugay Street, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue
Makati City

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Department of Health
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Building 1, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Avenue,
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CENTRAL OFFICE BIDS AND AWARD COMMITTEE (COBAC)
INVITATION TO PREQUALIFY/ELIGIBILITY SCREENING AND TO BID

The Department of Health thru the Central Office and Awards Committee (COBAC) is inviting bids from accredited contractors of Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) with minimum license category "B" and registration of "Medium A" for Building and Industrial Plant for the project:

1. Repair / Renovation of Building No. 4, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.
2. Repair / Renovation of Budget Office, GF, Bldg. No. 2, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila
3. Repair / Renovation of Building No. 2 (2F Ceiling and Roofing), DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila
4. Repair / Renovation of Building No. 13, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, manila

The dates to be followed are:

	Schedule
1 Submission of Letter of Intent, PCAB license and Registration (Bring original copies of Contractor's License)	September 1, & 2, 2003
2. Submission of duly accomplished Eligibility documents	September 8, 2003
3. Posting of eligible contractors	September 15, 2003
4. Issuance of Bid/Tender Documents	September 18 & 19, 2003
5. Pre-bid Conference	10:00 AM, September 22, 2003
6. Submission of Bids (Deadline)	10:00 AM, October 10, 2003
7. Opening of Bids	10:00 AM, October 10, 2003

All of the above activities shall be held at the HHRDB Conference Room, 3F, Building No. 12, DOH Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The complete set of bid documents may be purchased by the interested eligible bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00) ONLY.

DOH-COBAC reserve the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to any bidder whose proposal as evaluated by DOH-COBAC is the most advantageous to the Government.

DOH-COBAC assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for any expenses or loss that may be incurred in the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

The Approved Budget Cost will be announced during the pre-bid conference.

(Sgd.) USEC. ALEXANDER A. PADILLA
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The Funeral Mass is on August 26, 2003, Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Church, New Manila, Quezon City. Interment immediately follows at Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina.

"When facing death be calm ... with the fervor of a child of God who knows that life is changed, not taken away. To die is to live!"

St. Josemaria Escrivá de Balaguer, Furrow, no. 876

The Management and Staff of
Save the Children (USA)/ Philippine Field Office
announce with deep sorrow the demise of

Ma. Theresa ("Tere") Buendia Marquez

who died in Pikit, Cotabato on August 16, 2003.

She is survived by her parents, Leonardo and Wilfreda; brothers, sisters, and in laws, Louie and Bessie, Julius and Elsa, Marie Cris and Jose Roales, and Aileen; nephews and nieces Kirt and Louie Jr., Eugene John and Emery Joan, and Ijeoma Nikka Roales.

Interment will be on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at the Martian Hills Memorial Park in Cotabato City after necrological services at the Holy Rosary Parish, Cotabato City

Do not seek death. Death will find you.
But seek the road that makes death a fulfillment.
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On the Second Death Anniversary of

Enrique Rafael O. Lojo

(June 8, 1986 – August 26, 2001)

The parents, Rafael and Mary Grace Lojo, and sisters, Sarah and Michelle request relatives and friends to join them in prayers for the eternal repose of the soul of Ricky.

Masses will be offered on August 26, 2003, at the following churches:

Presentation of the Child Jesus Parish Church *BF Homes, Parañque City*	6:00 AM, 6:45 AM, and 7:30 PM
Immaculate Conception Parish Church *GSIS Village, Project 8, Q.C.*	6:00 AM
La Virgen De Fatima Chapel *Kawilihan Village, Pasig City*	7:00 PM
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Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Marikina.

Interment will be on Tuesday, August 26 at the Loyola Memorial Park, Marikina, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Marikina City

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Who passed away in the
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wish to express our deepest appreciation to all of you, our relatives and friends near and far, who sent flowers, mass cards, letters of sympathy, spent precious time with us and expressed in many other ways your love, prayers, concern and support during our time of bereavement.

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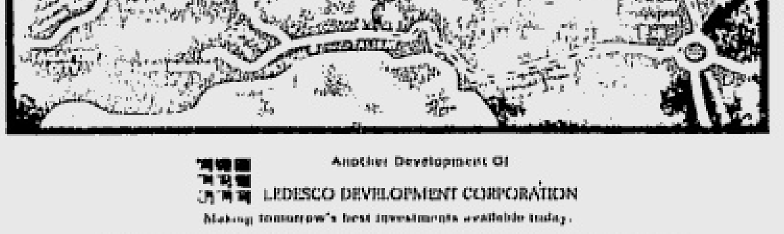
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Early Childhood Development Project
Loan Agreement No. WB-IBRD 4301 PH

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the World Bank - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (WB) in financing the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). Part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligible payments for the conduct of a research study.
2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development now invites eligible research institutions/agencies to apply for the provision of consulting services to undertake the following studies:

Title of Study	Objectives of the Study	Minimum Qualifications
a. Cost Effectiveness of Combined Deworming and Iron Supplementation vs. Iron Supplementation Alone in the Reduction of Anemia Among Grade One Pupils in ECD Areas	To determine the cost-effectiveness of a combined strategy of deworming and iron supplementation versus iron supplementation alone in reducing the prevalence among Grade One Pupils in ECD areas.	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five years.
b. Comprehensive Review of Training Activities Related to Child Health	Assess the effectiveness and the cost-effectiveness (efficiency) of the current training programs in Child Health, including all major programs existing in the three project regions, whether included under this or other projects.	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years.

3. Interested research institutions may obtain further information and secure a complete set of Information to Consultants, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting **September 1, 2003** from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone numbers 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125. Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished Information to Consultant, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents is on **September 22, 2003.**

(Sgd.) Asst. Sec. RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary &
Chairperson, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI - Aug 24 & 31, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Early Childhood Development Project
Loan Agreement No. ADB-ADF 1607 PHI (SF)

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in financing the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). Part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligible payments for the conduct of a research study.

2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development now invites eligible research institutions/agencies to apply for the provision of consulting services to undertake the following studies.

Title of Study	*Objectives of the Study*	*Minimum Qualifications*
a. Household Demand Study to Assess Potential for Partial Recovery of Cost of Food Supplements and Child Development Workers (CDWs) Honoraria (HH Demand Studies)	To determine the demand of households of fortified foodstuffs and to determine the capacity of the local government units in the Project Areas to support the micronutrient deficiency control and to sustain the honoraria of the Child Development Workers (CDWs).	The consultancy firm must have 3 to 5 years track record in research with expertise in economics and cost-benefit analysis. The firm must have also handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development.
b. Methods of Early Identification and Intervention of Children with Special Needs.	To evaluate methods for early identification and intervention of Children with Special Needs in the target Regions.	The consultancy firm must have 3-5 years track record in research preferably with experience in special education and persons with disabilities.

3. Interested research institutions may obtain further information and secure a complete set of Information to Consultants, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting **25 August 2003** from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division, DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone numbers: 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125 Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished Information to Consultant, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents is on 12 September 2003.

(Sgd.) RHODA F. YAP
Assistant Secretary
Chairperson, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–Aug. 19 & 24, 2003)

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Early Childhood Development Project
Loan Agreement No. WB-IBRD 4301 PH

1. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) has received a loan from the World Bank – International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (WB) in financing the Early Childhood Development Project (ECDP). Part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied for eligible payments for the conduct of a research study.

2. The Department of Social Welfare and Development now invites eligible research institutions agencies to apply for the provision of consulting services to undertake the following studies

Title of Study	*Objectives of the Study*	*Minimum Qualifications*
a. Effects of Early Childhood Interventions on Children's Physiological, Cognitive and Social Development: The Endline Indicator's Study	To determine the effect of ECD interventions on the children's physiological, cognitive and social development. This study will also monitor and assess the progress in ECD indicators in the program areas.	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years.
b. End of the Project Evaluation on the Indigenous People's Access to and Utilization of ECD Services	To compare and assess the data collected on project implementation focusing particularly on the quantity and quality of service delivery, household characteristics including paternal child rearing behavior, maternal health and health care-seeking practices and other key areas of child development before and after the implementation of ECD Project.	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years
c. Conduct of the Evaluation of Training Packages for ECD Service Providers and Trainees.	To determine the effectiveness and appropriateness of training activities in enhancing the knowledge, skills and attitudes of the project managers and implementers for the efficient and effective implementation of the ECD Project.	The consultancy firm must have handled projects in the area of child health, welfare and development for at least three (3) to five (5) years.

3. Interested research institutions may obtain further information and secure a complete set of Information to Consultants, upon presentation of a letter of intent, starting 25 August 2003 from the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat at 2nd Floor, Property and Supply Division DSWD, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City with telephone numbers: 931-8161 & 931-8101 to 07 loc. 125. Deadline for the submission of duly notarized accomplished information to Consultant, SEC registration, constitution and by-laws, company profile and other related documents is on 5 September 2003.

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Chairperson Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI–Aug. 19 & 24, 2003)

Republic of the Philippines
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Caraga Region
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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) of Caraga Region, through the Caraga food Sufficiency Project, a Spanish Government funded development intervention, is now inviting all interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid:

"CONSTRUCTION OF THREE (3) FARM LEVEL GRAINS CENTER (FLGCs)"

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The construction of Sta. Josefa FLGC shall be within October 2003 to March 2004, ahead of Prosperidad and Jabonga projects, thus bidding process shall be ahead of the other two FLGCs. However, the prequalification process for the three projects shall be conducted simultaneously

Eligibility requirements and tender documents may be secured from CFSP-NEDA BAC Secretariat beginning August 18, 2003 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of one thousand five hundred pesos (P1,500) to the NEDA-Caraga. **Only Contractors with PCAB License Category of at least Medium B and registered in Caraga Region shall be considered.**

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(Sgd.) CARMENCITA S. COCHINGCO
Regional Director NEDA-Caraga

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The Department of Education through the Health and Nutrition Center is inviting all suppliers to apply for eligibility and to bid for 969,696 packs of Fortified Biscuits with a budget of P2,909,000.00.

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A pre-bid conference will be held on **August 28, 2003,** 10:00 AM at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal Bldg. 1, DepEd Complex, Pasig City. The deadline for the submission and opening of bids shall be on September 11, 2003 at the same time and place mentioned above.

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We, whose names and pictures appeared in the issue of the Inquirer on August 17, 2003, informing the public that we are no longer connected with Beauty Profile Corporation or Facial Care Centre (FCC) and warned the public that any transaction in representation of the company that we may enter in behalf of said company after our resignation shall not be honored, shall be considered fraudulent and shall be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

In this connection, we would like to inform the public that since our resignation, we totally considered our relationship with said corporation severed, and since then we have been engaged in the legitimate exercise of our profession and occupation.

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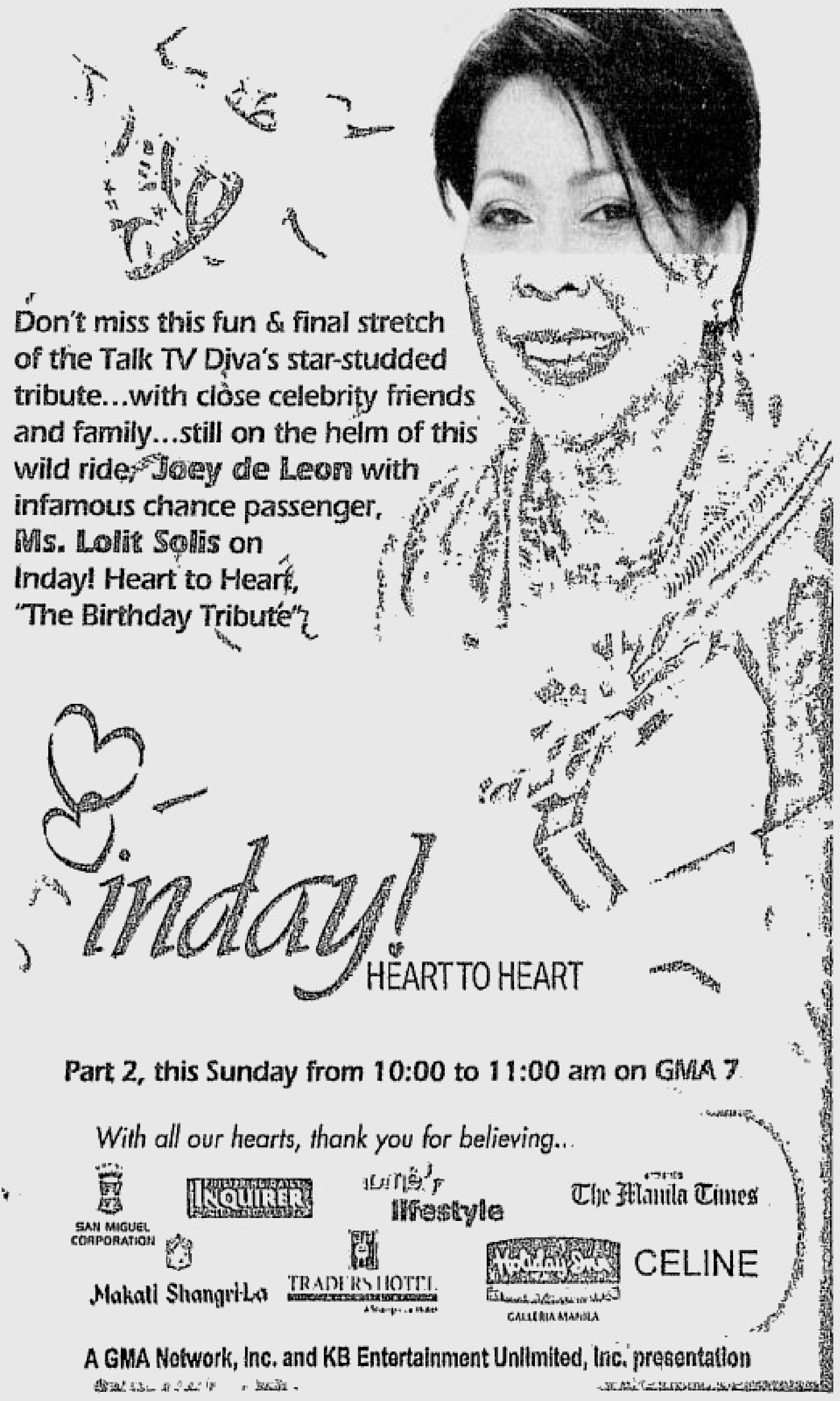
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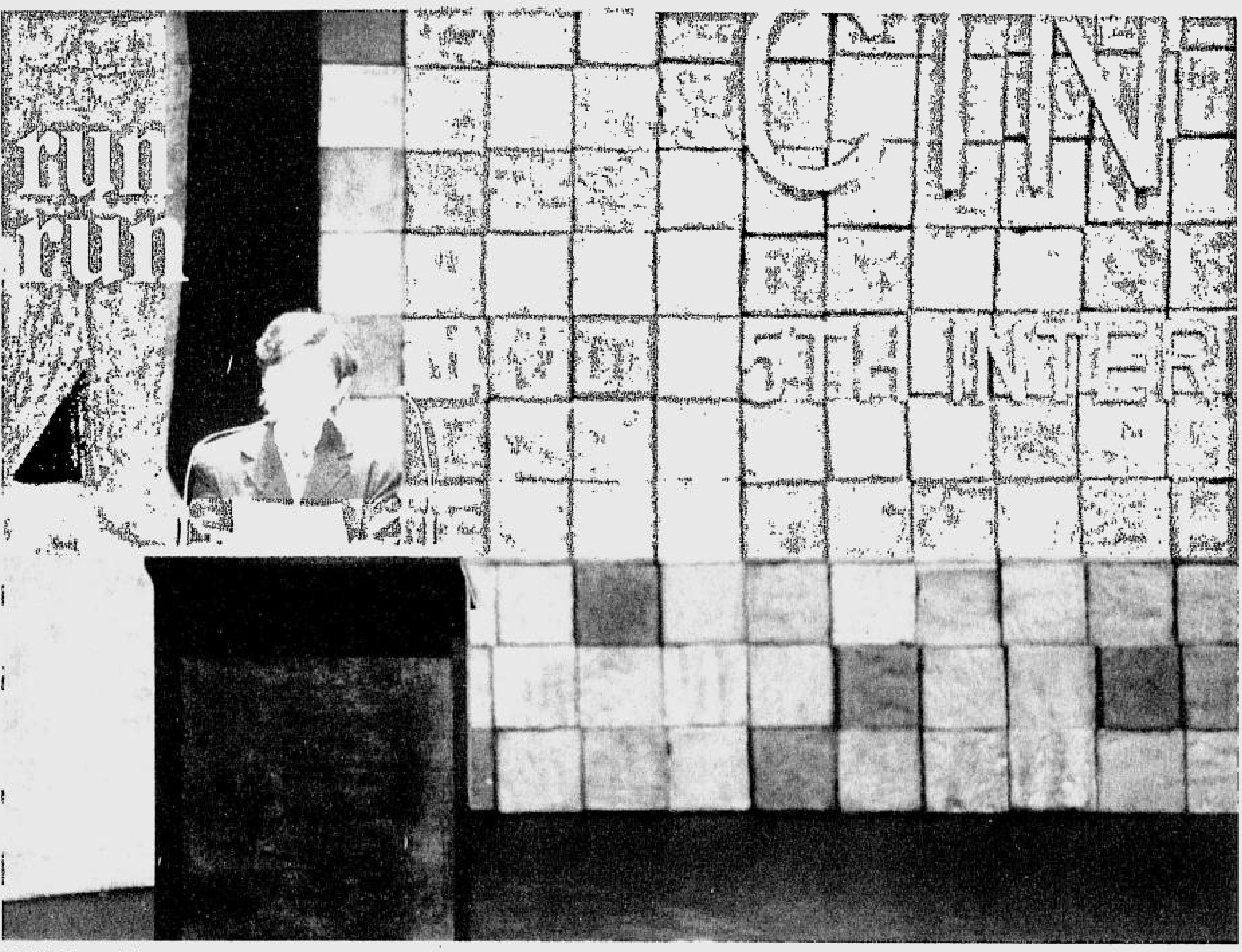

SANTOS says she's taking her time to decide because she has "other roles" in life JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

By Marinel R. Cruz

CINEMANILA best actress and Lipa City Mayor Vilma Santos says she has three options for 2004: to run for reelection, to run for governor of Batangas province, or not to run at all.

The Star for All Seasons said this Thursday night after she won the best actress prize for her performance in Chito Roño's "Dekada '70," during Thursday night's Makati 2003 Cinemanila International Film Festival awards at Onstage in Greenbelt, Makati.

Santos said she is taking her time to decide about her political plans, "because being a public official is not an easy job."

"I also have other roles in life that are equally demanding and tiring," she said in Filipino.

"If I ran in 2004, that would mean I have to prepare myself physically and emotionally for another three years of public service," Vilma later told INQUIRER Entertainment, in a telephone interview the day after the awards night.

"It's not that easy because I am also a mother to two boys and a wife to a senator," pointed out the wife of Senator Ralph Recto.

She and the senator have a 7-year-old son, Ryan Christian. VJ and television host Luis Manzano, 22, is Santos' son with actor Edu Manzano.

Recto was congressman of the fourth, and largest, district of Batangas province from 1992 to 2001 before he was elected senator in 2001.

"As an actress, I am also committed to my fans, who have stood by me through the years," said Santos. "That's why I choose my movies very carefully. I make sure the movies I make have social relevance."

Her best actress win for "Dekada '70" is her second international acting trophy. She was also the best actress at the 1999 Brussels International Film Festival in Belgium, for "Bata, Bata, Paano Ka Ginawa?" which Roño also directed.

"I'm very thankful that people appreciate my work, even if I only make one movie a year, by honoring me with awards like this," Santos said of her triumph in the Cinemanila film fest.

She said that a new movie, which is not as "heavy" as "Dekada '70" and "Bata, Bata," is now being planned for her.

Vilma, films from Brazil, Japan, Turkey are Cinemanila's best

By Marinel R. Cruz

"THERE is a great need for films that reflect the current human condition," said National Artist for Film Eddie Romero, guest of honor of the Makati Cinemanila 2003 International Film Festival awards ceremony last Thursday. "Film is the most powerful medium of the century. It is the great gulf that divides countries, but is also that great thing that binds them together."

Romero led other filmmakers, critics and film producers from different parts of the world in paying tribute to films on life's various realities, during the two-hour awards show at Onstage theater in Makati.

Vilma Santos won the Best Actress award for her portrayal of the timid mother empowered by the death of her son in Chito Roño's period drama, "Dekada '70."

She acknowledged the film's producer, Star Cinema, for continuously producing "non-traditional" films like "Dekada '70," and Lualhati Bautista, who wrote the screenplay.

Shared honors

Brazilian director Fernando Meirelles' "City of God," set on the mean streets of a Rio de Janeiro slum in the Cidade de Deus (City of God) housing project, shared the Grand Jury Prize with Sabu's "Blessing Bell" of Japan, about a man's journey from poverty to riches, and from honor to despair.

The Turkish film "Distant (Usak)," by Nuri Bilge Ceylan, copped the grand prize, the Lino Brocka Award, for feature films. "Distant," about the relationship between a melancholic and obsessive middle-aged photographer and his cousin, an unemployed country boy who comes to Istanbul to look for a job on a ship, was also the winner of the Jury Prize at the Cannes International Film Festival earlier this year.

Israel, India

"Dekada '70" also won the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema (Netpac) Special Jury Award for Roño, who shared the honor with Elia Suleiman, director of the silent comedy "Divine Intervention," which talks of living in Israel in time of war.

Suleiman shared the Best Screenplay Award with India's Apama Sen, director and writer of "Mr. and Mrs. Iyer," which tackles India's religious and ethnic violence.

Australian actor David Gulpelil was Best Actor for his portrayal of the resourceful aboriginal tracker in pursuit of a man accused of the murder of a white woman in Rolf de Heer's "The Tracker."

Niki Caro's coming-of-age film, "Whale Rider," from New Zealand took home the Special Jury Prize.

A social commentary on police brutality, "Binyag (Baptism)," won the Ishmael Bernal Award for Young Cinema. The 15-minute film by Mariami Tanangco shows the dark side of the police force where summary execution is said to be practiced.

Lifetime achievements

Sockie Fernandez's "Flames" won the best short film award, and Ditsi Carolino's "Life on Tracks" (Riles) the best documentary award.

Carolino, whose work was first screened at the Brussels film fest in 1996, said she and her crew lived for four months in the slums in Balic-balic in Manila to do the documentary.

Indonesian actress Christine Hakim received a lifetime achievement award. Hakim, who has appeared in over 30 films, founded a non-government organization bearing her name which gives milk to undernourished Indonesian children, helps rebuild dilapidated schools and assists poor Indonesian teachers.

Host Eddie Mercado entertained the audience during the show's many awkward gaps, with very little help from co-hosts Nanette Inventor and Paulo Trillo, who both seemed to read from their cue cards too much.

Members of the rock legend Asin band showed young singer Jay-R and the quartet Streamline how to hold the audience in the palm their hands through their songs from "Pag-ibig, Pagbabago, Pagpapatuloy...," the first Asin album since 1983.

Actress Ara Mina kept the audience, especially the males, enthralled, not so much with her singing of "Ayayay Pag-Ibig" but with her tight-fitting top and pants.

ACHIEVER Hakim of Indonesia receives her lifetime achievement award, presented by film fest organizer and filmmaker Tikoy Aguiluz.

JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

DID YOU KNOW...

Lovers John Estrada and Vanessa del Bianco left last Thursday afternoon on a Thai Airways flight to Bangkok, where they spent the long weekend. The controversial couple refuses to make a public admission of their relationship. John, former husband of Janice de Belen, was absent that day from ABS-CBN's noontime show, "Magandang Tanghali Bayan." Vanessa recently returned to Manila from her home in Canada.

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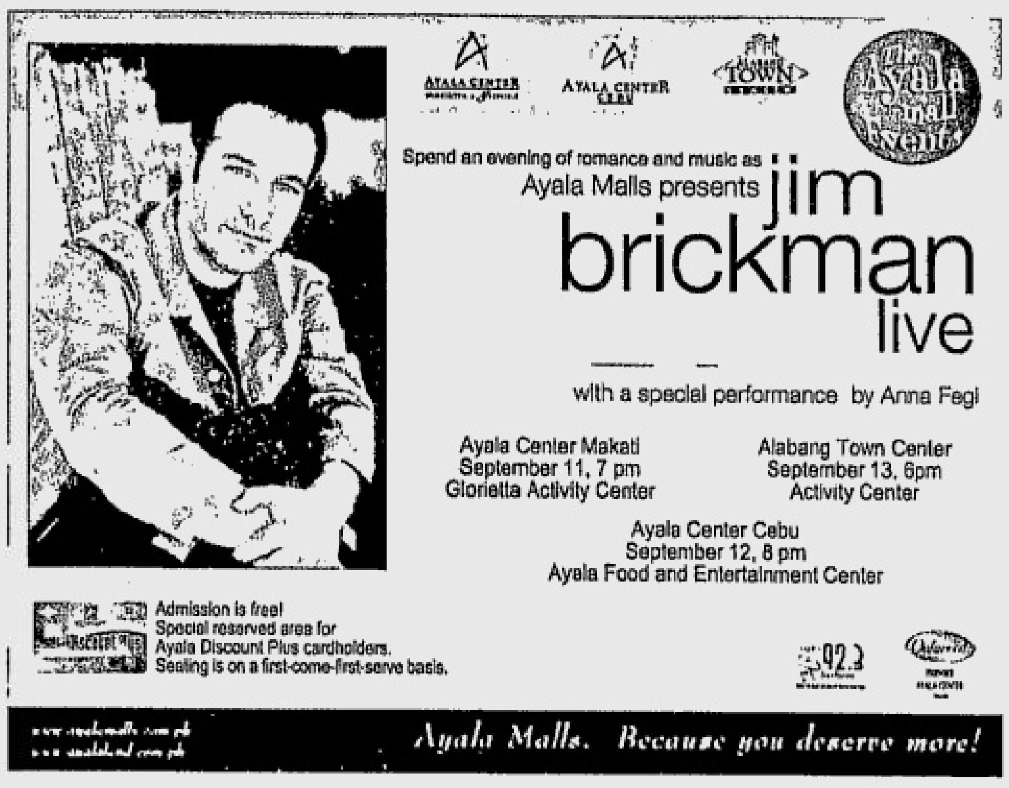
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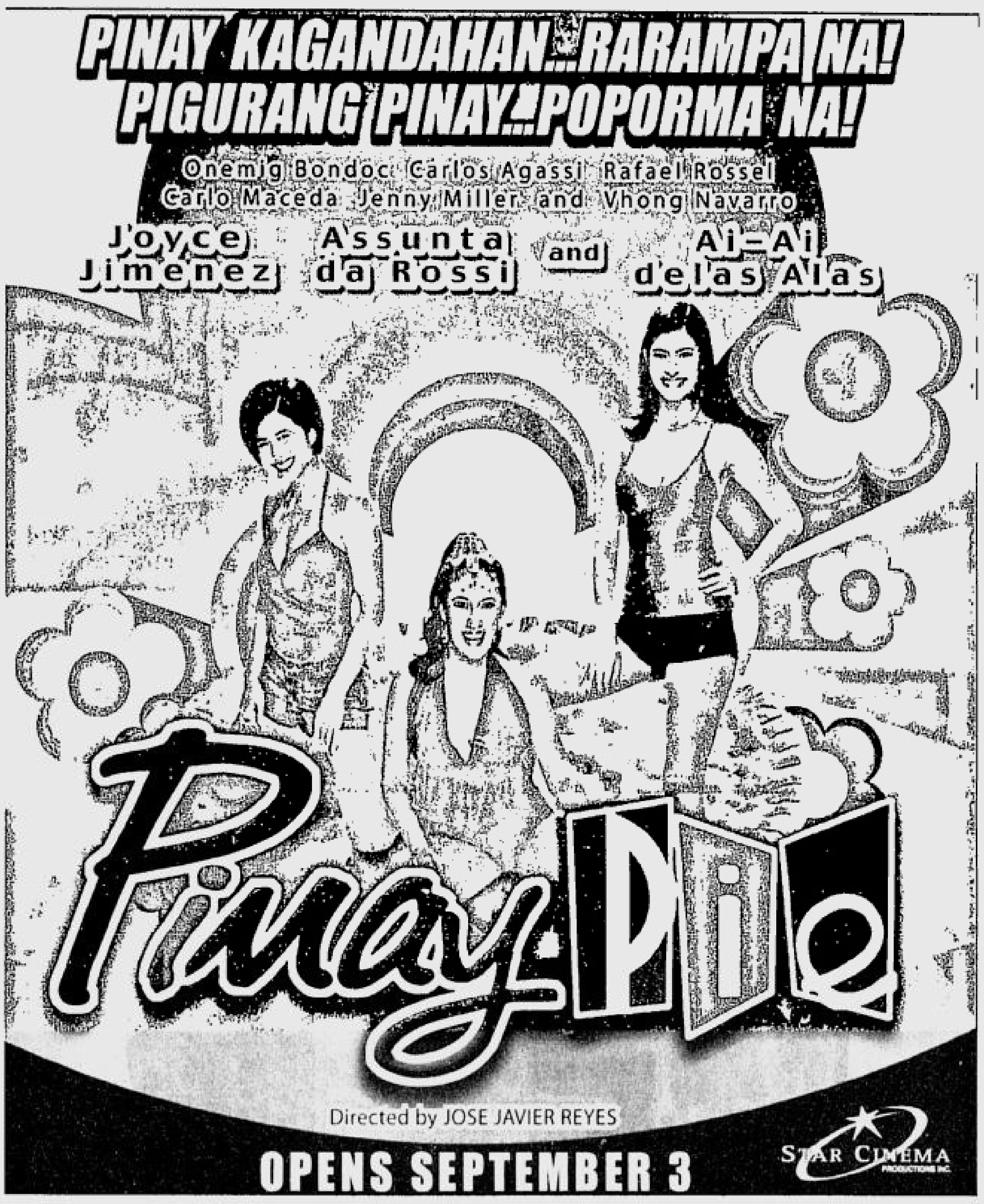
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AQUINO. "International cast siya! Feeling sosyal, 'di ba?" KRIS AQUINO AS PHOTOGRAPHED BY JUN DE LEON FOR YES! MAGAZINE'S SEPTEMBER ISSUE

Kris, daughter of Ninoy

JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

VINTAGE **Kris Aquino**, she tells me: "You know, my parents were born in the Year of the Monkey, while Imelda and Ferdinand were born in the Year of the Snake."

I don't get it. We have been talking about how her mother **Cory** was so young—50 at the time—and her father Ninoy was himself so young—also 50 at the time—when Aug. 21, 1983 happened.

Our mood is somber enough, although, as always when Kris takes a moment to speak about her father, her voice and face are devoid of drama. Still, I do not get the Year of the Monkey.

"But don't you see," she says as if it were the most obvious thing, "*na*-outwit *ng* monkey *ang* snake in the end!"

Come to think of it, she's right.

While **Ninoy Aquino** is today seen as martyr and hero, **Ferdinand Marcos**, the man the country believes masterminded his killing, is today remembered as a deposed President who withered, amidst the splendor of Hawaii, unheralded and without country. And while **Imelda Marcos**, the only person the country believes could have beaten Ferdinand to planning the killing, is today looked at as no more than an excessively made-up matron whose loyalists abandoned her because of money, **Cory Aquino** went on to become President.

Indeed, the monkey won.

I ask why then she hardly ever slips into Ninoy talk on television. Heaven knows his life was filled with color and anecdote, and she is, after all, today's Queen of TV. Or how else call someone who appears on the tube 11 times a week—opening our day ("Morning Girls"), capping our night ("Game KNB?"), and worming her way into our Sundays too ("The Buzz")?

She could very well drop her father's name once a week if she wanted.

Of course she's mighty proud of her dad, she says.

She notices everything, too. The yellow flags that Manila flew this month bearing her father's likeness ("Love *talaga kami ni* Mayor **Lito Atienza**.") and which Parañaque hurried to duplicate ("Joey [Mayor **Joey Marquez**, her boyfriend] told me he ordered the same flags.") The Senate bill sponsored by **Nene Pimentel** seeking to name her father a national hero. ("*Lagot sila sa akin 'pag hindi!*") And the footage of her father's last moments at the tarmac which runs on television every year in August. ("Every year *tuloy* is like yesterday.")

And she does go out of her way for him, generously taking charge of the celebration at The Fort just days ago. ("**Manny Pangilinan** donated the venue. You know, if that guy were available, he's the one I'd fall for. He's so funny, he has such a dry wit.") She told her mother to leave everything to her, then she gathered friends **ZsaZsa**, **Ai-Ai**, and so many more, including **Robert Seña** whose number, "Impossible Dream," is her dad's favorite. ("*Sagot ko lahat!* Generator, sound system, talent fee. *Pero siyempre*, honorarium *lang ang singil ng* friends ko, cannot afford them all *'pag hindi. Sabi nga ng* mom *ko*, 'It's good to have a rich daughter.' *Aba*, I spent one week's salary.")

But outside of that, she is clearly not obsessed with August 21. She muses that it must be because she was just 12 then and that, when it happened, she was in faraway Boston where her family lived for three years before he died. "God gave you three years to be happy. That's very good. Also, I was spared. He didn't die in front of me, I saw his killing on CNN. Then when we got back here three days later, there was such an outpouring of love in Sto. Domingo Church. Just to go view my dad was already a stand."

But certainly, she cried. Every day, at the International School where her mother, thinking a normal routine was what she needed, sent her to just one week after her father was buried following the biggest funeral march the country had seen in modern memory. The school sent her home.

"What I remember well is how they carried him like a piece of meat," she says today. "No ambulance, no stretcher, it was inhumane."

She adds, "It was a brutal death, but maybe it was what was needed to wake up the nation. His death brought about positive change. We've survived. We've been democratic. And to have democracy for 18 years *na* is a big achievement."

Moreover, Kris, like her mother, is a believer in fate. So to her, it was her father's time to go. And vintage Kris again, she goes into how her father's ears were so big! I am nonplussed for a moment, but Kris, not missing a beat, points to her own small ears which, she notes, are even smaller than the small ears of her sisters **Ballsy** and **Viel**. If I provide the ellipses, this must mean that old wives' tales notwithstanding, if it's your time, it's your time, and it's no use obsessing.

"And you know, my dad died exactly the way he wanted," she says. "His biggest nightmare was to be run over by a Boston taxicab."

It is probably this belief in fate that keeps her from hating the children of Ferdinand and Imelda. "We've been blessed with the parents we've been given," she shrugs. "I interviewed **Bongbong Marcos** nine years ago and since then I've met him and **Imee** a few times. I can do it. We'll never be friends, but I honestly don't think they plotted to kill my dad."

That the brains behind the assassination have never been named by any official body is, to her, not a strange thing either. "Like the Kennedy assassination, all you have are conspiracy theories. Where great men are assassinated, there will always be version A, B, C," is how she sees it.

"Idol *ng* dad *ko si* **Mahatma Gandhi**. When I was 11 and my dad made me watch [the film] 'Gandhi,' I said to him, 'Why did he allow himself to suffer that much?' Anyway, idol *din ng* dad *ko si* **John F. Kennedy**. He'd bring me to the center where the JFK memorabilia were and he'd make me watch the videos about him. '*Tapos, si* **Mother Teresa**, idol *ni* Mommy. And then *silang lahat*, with **Pope John Paul** *pa*, are all mentioned in the same breath as my father!"

She lets on: "That's when *nararamdaman ko na* special *talaga* daddy *ko*."

But it wouldn't be Kris if she doesn't add: "International cast *siya*! Feeling *sosyal*, *'di ba*?"

Sergio Mendez, Lani together in October

WORLD-RENOWNED Brazilian pianist, composer and band leader Sergio Mendes and Lani Misalucha will be teaming for a two-night concert on Oct. 3 and 4, at the Aliw Theater at Star City at the CCP Complex.

Misalucha and Mendes and his band will resurrect the group's original hits such as "Mais Que Nada," "Like a Lover," "The Trouble with Hello is Goodbye," "Waters of March," "One-Note Samba," "Put a Little Love Away," and "Love City."

They will also treat the audience to Latin pop versions of hits from other artists like the Beatles' "Fool on the Hill," "With a Little Help from My Friends" and "Daytripper," Dionne Warwick's and Burt Bacharach's "Look of Love" and "Going Out of My Head," Paul Simon and Art Garfunkle's "Scarborough Fair," and Glenn Campbell's "Wichita Lineman."

Over four decades, Mendes assembled four groups: Brasil '66, Brasil '77, Brasil '88, and Brasil '99, all of recorded hits that landed on the US Top 40 Charts.

Mendes first caught the public eye as the leader of a band named Bossa Nova Trio, which is remembered for spurring a music craze in Brazil in the '60s. After settling in the United States in 1964, he formed a new group called Brasil '65, which would eventually be renamed Brasil '66.

Brasil '66 and all of Mendes' succeeding bands made a niche in music history with their blend of piano-driven jazz infused with the elements of Latin music.

One of the most popular talents to have come out of Brasil '66 and made a name on her own is the group's vocalist, Lani Hall, who had her own hits as a solo artist.

Misalucha is a star in her own right, having won the best singer award in the 1998 Asia Song Festival. She is one of the biggest crowd-drawers in the country today.

For tickets, call Star City, 832-6121 and 22; TicketWorld, 891-5610; or TicketNet, 911-5555.

SHOW TIME

MENDEZ (far right) and Misalucha will be at the Aliw Theater

Jazz artist Jodie Wilson performs in Manila

UPCOMING jazz singer Jodie Brooke Wilson comes to Manila for a series of special shows called "A Night of Temporary Madness." She performs on Friday, Aug. 29, at 9 p.m. at the Forum of the Podium at the Ortigas Center; on Saturday, Aug. 30, at 5 p.m. at the Podium atrium; and on Sunday, Aug. 31, at 6 p.m. at the Shangri-la Plaza atrium.

Wilson's visit is to promote her debut CD album, "Halfway To Paradise" from the Decca label of MCA Universal. She broke into the local music scene with the CD's carrier cut, "Temporary Madness."

Born in Australia, Wilson is a singer/songwriter who has collaborated with illustrious tunesmiths, including Don Black, Cathy Dennis, Mark Mueller, John Bettis who wrote many of The Carpenters' hits and Grammy winner Tia Sillers.

Her own songwriting credits include "Higher Than Heaven," which became platinum as recorded by the all-female Australian band Bardot. The same song was the theme of the Sydney 2000 Olympics and was in the original soundtrack of the "Rugrats" movie.

Her composition "I Got What She's Got" was number one for ten weeks in Europe last year.

Her voice has been described as having the same qualities as that of the late Karen Carpenter and Eva Cassidy.

WILSON

"I can't imagine myself living in a world without songs and music," says Wilson. "They have been my constant friends."

Also performing in Wilson's shows at the Podium is OPM's hottest acoustic star Jimmy Bondoc, who will accompany her on the guitar.

While in Manila, Wilson will be interviewed on Jam FM, Wave 89.1 and RX Monster Radio 93.1.

"A Night of Temporary Madness" is sponsored by Jam 'FM 88.3, in cooperation with Wave 89.1, Forum, Podium, Discovery Suites, BMW Prestige, PLDT Vibe, PLDT Music, Tambuli Beach Resort and Chalk Magazine.

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John Lesaca plays anti-piracy tune

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—For his next nationwide tour, John Lesaca decided to leave his violin.

Instead, this violinist from television's "A Little Night of Music" has decided to bring his campaign against the piracy of CDs, VCDs and DVDs as well as CD-ROMs and other types of software.

Lesaca, founder of the Asosasyon ng Musikong Pilipino Foundation and chair of the Intellectual Property Coalition, said fighting piracy is an uphill battle in the Philippines.

"We have discovered that the attitudes of those buying pirated wares include not resisting a good bargain, thinking that the quality (of pirated media) is acceptable anyway, and that quantity beats quality," Lesaca explained during a roundtable discussion on intellectual property rights at Camp John Hay here last Friday.

"The biggest challenge for us is to reduce social acceptability," he added.

To make buying pirated CDs socially unacceptable, Lesaca said the battle should start with semantics.

He said fake CDs and other media are described as "bootleg," "pirated" and "illegal."

"There is this swashbuckling, exciting image to it," Lesaca said.

The places where we buy these fakes are called *"tiangge," "bazaar," "Greenhills" and "mall."*

"*'Tiangges,'* which used to be very dirty, are now the 'in' thing," he said. "The person buying these things is called a game freak, gamer, shopper and computer buff. There is a certain edge to these."

To de-glamorize the pirated items, Lesaca said the fake CDs and others should be called "dirty ware," the place to buy them should be called "mud hole" and the buyer should be called "wannabe."

"The idea is to make it derogatory," he said.

He added in Filipino, *"Ang nanggagaya bumibili ng nakaw sa putikan."*

He said this "communication plan," formed in coordination with the Intellectual Property Coalition and the Intellectual Property Alliance-Cebu, will be carried out by top advertising agencies.

But during the Baguio leg, there were a few raised eyebrows.

An employee of the Department of Agriculture said he has misgivings about "mud hole" being used as a new term.

"Mud hole is good for us in the agriculture department," said the DA employee. "When we associate mud with dirty, we may be preventing the youth from going into agriculture."

IPC secretary general Numeriano Rodriguez Jr., citing industry sources, said at least 46.5 percent of sales in the entertainment industry comes from the sale of pirated media, which means that at least P7.2 billion a year of what could have been theirs is taken away from songwriters, playwrights, scriptwriters and other talents.

Lost sales in the software industry amounted to P15.7 billion in 2000, Rodriguez said.

He said the government loses at least P1.7 billion in unpaid taxes.

IPC is moving for the inclusion of all optical media that include CD, VCD, DVD, CD-ROM, CD-R and CD-RW.

Lesaca said the IPC is promoting the Optical Media Bill, or House Bill No. 5225, which seeks to stop piracy of these forms of media.

Rodriguez said confiscating fake VCDs and other optical media may help deter piracy but pirates could easily reproduce new ones. A CD copying machine can churn out 20,000 CDs, VCDs and others in a day, he said.

In most raids now, only CDs and VCDs are confiscated, he noted.

SHOW TIME

Beyblade battle of the best

THE COUNTRY'S best Beyblade players will gather together for another battle of wit and strategy today, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Robinsons Place, Ermita, Manila.

Competing are 256 Beyblade spin artists aged 6 to 12 in the singles division. Another down-to-the-wire showdown is also expected in the team division, where the first 64 teams of two members each with no age limit will see action.

Registration starts at 11 a.m. for the singles division, and at 1 p.m. for the team category.

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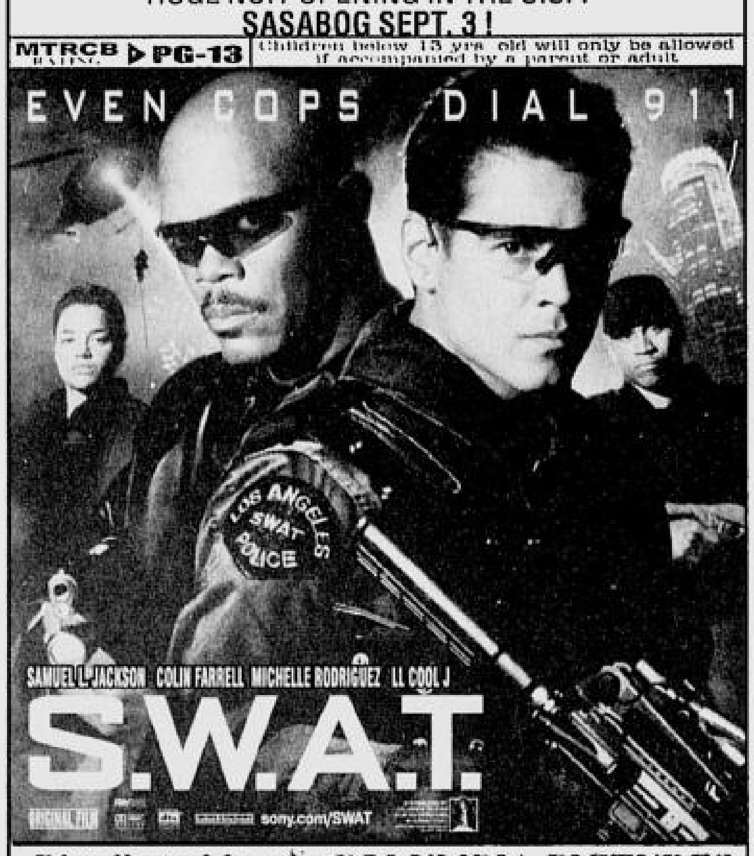

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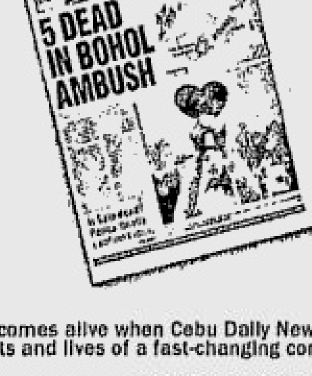

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'Noon at Ngayon' gets CEB's first A rating

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

MARILOU Diaz-Abaya's latest film, "Noon at Ngayon," is getting good reviews that praise the production for being both significant and entertaining. Even better, the movie has just been rated "A" (for excellent) by the Cinema Evaluation Board (CEB) of the Film Development Council of the Philippines.

It is the first film this year to have been given that superlative rating, so you should go out of your way to see what the praise is all about.

For our part, we appreciate "Noon at Ngayon" for vivifying many Filipinos' concerns today, thus engaging not just the viewers' attention but also his involvement.

On the debit side, the film tackles too many issues, paints a generally downbeat picture of men and spends too much time on its May-December romance subplot.

But these weak aspects are more than compensated for by the movie's engaged rather than escapist impulse, its actors' exuberant performances, superior production values and its depiction of characters who, unlike many others in local movies, are true to themselves, despite the risks involved.

Also key to the film's achievement is its ability to present the points of view of three generations of characters—from the most senior character played by **Laurice Guillen**, and her fortysomething daughter (**Dina Bonnevie**), to the teenager and young-adult children of Dina's bosom buddies (**Eula Valdez, Cherry Pie Picache** and **Jean Garcia**).

Admittedly, all there characters are sometimes too numerous to adequately showcase, so some of them are sketchily limned. On the whole, however, the production gives its characters the focus and follow-through they deserve.

Standout performances include those turned in by Guillen, **Aiza Marquez** and **Jodi Santamaria**.

Made at a time of turbulence and strife, "Noon at Ngayon" shows that, despite everything, there's still hope for the country—and its film industry. That's a valuable contribution and important achievement that should be appreciated, and rewarded with our enthusiastic patronage of Diaz-Abaya's latest film.

'Honk!' TV special

TRUMPETS' ongoing production of the British musical "Honk!" is the subject of a TV special to be aired at 5 p.m. today on RPN-9.

"Honk!" continues to be performed at Meralco Theater: Aug. 23, 29-30 and Sept. 5-6 at 8 p.m., and Aug. 23-24, 30-31 and 6-7 at 3 p.m. Call Ticketworld at 891-5610 or Trumpets at 633-4387.

Ninoy anniversary sale

UNTIL Aug. 30, the Libros Filipino Bookshop at Filipinas Heritage Library in Makati is giving discounts on books on Edsa 1, Ninoy and Cory to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the assassination of **Ninoy Aquino**. Call 892-1801.

Gay beauty tilt

THE MS GAY Asia Pacific beauty pageant will be staged at 8 p.m. on Sept. 21 at Laffline Music Cafe.

To join the tilt, call 0919-776-8525.

Top grosser

"THE LEAGUE of Extraordinary Gentlemen," **Sean Connery's** latest starrer, topped the local box office last week with a five-day gross of P25.6 million. This is the second biggest opening for a Sean Connery movie.

Other stars include **Peta Wilson, Shane West** and **Jason Flemyng**.

Nyoy and Mannos

NYOY Volante and Mannos perform at Robinson's Place Novaliches today at 4 p.m.

Their album, "Acoustic: Nyoy Volante with Mannos," released in CDs and cassettes, includes the acoustic piano version of "You're My You." Call **Hanzel Villafuerte** at 533-8153.

"Serviam"

SOME of the country's best talents will perform in "Serviam," a benefit concert that marks the 75th birthday of **Jaime Cardinal Sin** on Aug. 27 (10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m.) at Araneta Coliseum.

Leo Rialp directs a cast of performers that includes **Jose Mari Chan, Robert Seña, Cocoy Laurel, Bituin Escalante, Karylle, Agot Isidro, Anna Fegi, Jamie Rivera, Dessa** and **RJ Rosales**.

Proceeds will go to Cardinal Sin's favorite beneficiaries—Caritas Manila, the youth, seminarians and catechists. Call 564-3712.

Exes Martin, Pops together again in GMA 7 telesine

SHOW TIME

WHAT was once deemed as impossible is now a *telesine*.

Concert queen Pops Fernandez and her former husband, concert king Martin Nievera, are starring in a *telesine* to be aired on GMA 7 at 9:30 p.m. tonight.

"Sabi Nya, Sabi Ko" is a first of its kind on Philippine television, not only because it stars Pops and Martin in Martin's first ever TV movie but also because it is the biggest musical TV movie ever.

"Sabi Nya, Sabi Ko" is a comedy-musical that tells the story of Frankie (Pops), an acerbic radio DJ who gives sensible advice on her top-rating radio show. Her rival DJ on another station, Franco (Martin), also known as Whacko Franco, gives crazy and irreverent advice that is totally opposite hers.

The tension starts when the two DJs are forced to work together after their stations get into a tie-up.

Martin and Pops are the parents of two boys.

Written and directed by Mark Reyes from a story by Pops Fernandez also, with Marc Lopez as musical director, "Sabi Nya, Sabi Ko" also features Jackie Castillejo, Philip Lazaro, Jan Marini, Gerard Pizarras, Cholo Escano, with the special participation of Troy Montero, Greg Turvey, Jeff Rodriguez, Richard Gutierrez and Chynna Hortaleza.

Ambie Burac is executive producer and Pops herself is line producer. Executive in charge of production is Wilma Galvante. "Sabi Nya, Sabi Ko" also features the Whiplash dancers with Andy Alviz as choreographer.

HE SAID, she said. The former couple in "Sabi Nya, Sabi Ko"

Pia at 14 already full of promise

ROMERO has no time for boys.

SHOW STOPPER

By Alexa H. Bacay

HER brown eyes, long hair, creamy skin, 5-foot-6 height make Pia Alonzo Wurtzbach, who is only 14, an ideal model. In fact, her face and figure is seen on billboards and posters endorsing Avon, Human, Her Bench, and BNY jeans, among others.

The girl, now better known as Pia Romero, apparently has more than her pretty face to offer. The member of the new Star Circle Batch 11 can also act, sing and dance. But she wants to take up medicine or psychology in college.

"I'm interested in people's behavior, especially teens' behavior," she says. Her interest in medicine, on the other hand, springs from her admiration for an aunt who is a doctor. *"Ang galing niya kasi,"* she gushes. *"Ang tali-talino niya."*

Pia admits she prefers to do something that has an audience. At first, she wanted to be a model, like the ones she would see on Fashion TV. But she realized she was more into acting. She was supposed to take voice lessons, but a last-minute decision led her to ABS-CBN instead.

At the time, she relates, the network wasn't holding auditions. Just the same, they took her VTR and a week later, she got a call and she was in. She became an "ASAP" regular, and then became part of the now defunct interactive teen show, "K2BU" with Shaina Magdayao, Angeline Aguilar and Bea Alonzo.

When that show stopped airing, she was so upset and felt a bit guilty. She admits that she didn't really concentrate and didn't care if the director got mad if she didn't act well. She realized later on that she "just let go of something so rare."

"I became a different person," the girl says. "I began to have a positive goal for myself.

"Instead of dwelling on what I lost, I realized it's okay to start again."

Indeed, the young lady is determined to have her audience and keep it. She regularly attends the acting workshops conducted by the ABS-CBN Talent Center. And she made it clear that she isn't interested in boys. At least not yet. She likes them only as hang-out buddies, but when the courting starts she gives them an outright no.

"Busted *agad*," she says firmly.

She's already too preoccupied with school and show biz to worry about them anyway. But there's one guy she can share her time with: Ken Zhu Ziao Tian, her favorite among the members of the famous Taiwanese boy band, F4. Just like a typical fan, Pia has a growing collection of VCDs and CDs of the group.

The eldest child in the family, Pia goes to the Light of Life Christian School, where she is a high school sophomore. A typical day sees her waking up at 5:30 a.m. to prepare for school. At home, she does her assignments and helps her mom do household chores.

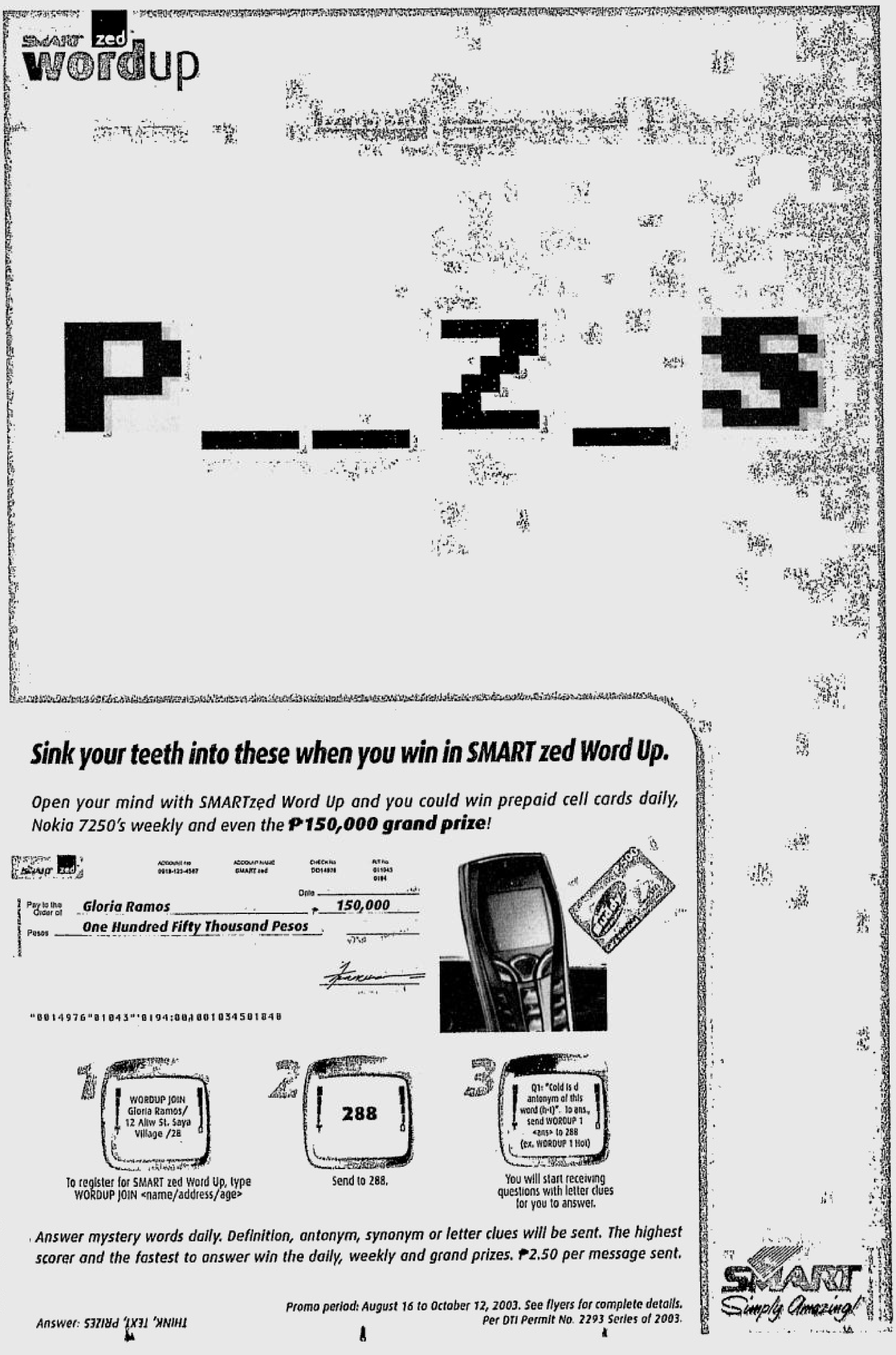
Who does she want to be for a whole day? Pia answered that she would like to try to live as President Bush. "I want to experience how it is to fight Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein," she declares. "I want to know the pressures an American president gets."

Sounds like a beauty pageant question and answer. It turns out that Pia also wants to join the Bb. Pilipinas pageant when she's old enough.

She said she wants to be remembered as someone who can sing, dance and act at the same time, and who has a great personality. "I wouldn't want to die without people knowing who I am," she says.

Pia claims that she knows her priorities and keeps her promises, that she's always on time and that a prima donna she will never be.

Big promises for such a young girl. Can Pia Romero keep her promises?



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By Philip Roxas
Contributor

SHE WANTS her sound to be as distinct and exquisite as her name, Yamani.

Inspired by the success of such modern jazz divas as Diana Krall and Norah Jones, Yamani says she wants to specialize in breathy, breezy songs from the '30s and '40s.

"I recently learned to appreciate such songs," Yamani relates. "Hardcore standards. In my performances in lounges and bars, I am usually accompanied by just a pianist, sometimes by a bassist and a saxophonist. I came from a dance-party band. Doing standards is a total shift for me. I just got tired of doing all those R&B, hip-hop, and dance tunes."

She had just arrived from Vancouver, Canada and was singing with the swinging band Great Divide, which performed at Strumm's and Hard Rock Café, when she caught the attention of Prime Records executives. Because the *balikbayan* didn't speak a word of Filipino, the record company gave her Imelda Papin songs to help her learn the language.

"It took me only 30 minutes to record an English song, but three whole hours to record a Filipino song," she recalls. "But I was determined to learn. In Canada, I learned Chinese and French. I can pick up languages quickly."

Her debut album was entitled "Bakit Ba?" and the carrier single was "Hindi Ako Laruan." "It was very *masa*," she says.

"I hope Filipinos will be open to my kind of sound. It's mellow. It's nostalgic. It's sentimental. It's full of emotion."

Yamani is not only easy on the ears. She is also a sight for sore eyes. In Canada, she was the Miss Tribune Girl in 1993, and the Binibining Pilipinas Canada in 1999. She also topped singing competitions.

The singer (real name, Michelle Tan) was a discovery of GMA 7, which christened her Yamani. She is now managed by starmaker Boy Abunda of Backroom.

Yamani currently sings at The Exchange Bar at the Richmonde Hotel in Pasig every Friday night, and at the legendary Calesa Bar of the Hyatt Hotel in Pasay City every Saturday night.

Energy and Gary V . . .

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adorned with Swarovski crystals, designed by Miguel Francisco.

Bigger show

Gary did not include other songs in his repertoire, like my favorite "Hang On" or "Could You Be Messiah?," "After All," "Once Upon A Life" or "Fool Till the End." Disappointingly, "Betty's in Bed" and "Growing Up," two of his biggest dance hits before "Shout for Joy," were also not in the lineup.

Angeli later explained that those songs were purposely left out since they were saving them for a bigger concert on Nov. 28 and 29 at the Araneta Coliseum. That will be a bigger celebration of Gary's 20th year in the music business.

Gary upped the adrenaline level with '80s dance hits, which pulled the audience up to its feet: "Rock Lobster," "Take On Me," "Head Over Heels." Without missing a beat, he added his own dance hits: "Eto Na Naman," "Di Bale Na Lang," "Look in Her Eyes" and the classic "Shout for Joy," all of which he arranged especially for the concert series, according to Angeli.

More surprises

Toward the end of the show, Gary sang his more recent hits: "Kailangan Kita," "Warrior is a Child" and "I Will Be Here."

In the audience that night, aside from Gary's parents, were Susan Roces with her nephew Renzo Cruz, Donita Rose, German Moreno, scriptwriter Ricky Lee and Gary's daughter Kiana and sister Gina Valenciano-Martinez.

On the second night, Saturday, more celebrities came to watch Gary: Maricris Bermont and her hubby, Lovely Rivero, Nikki Valdez and her good-looking boyfriend. Gary was joined onstage by Regine Velasquez, who was his special guest. They did a well-applauded duet of "Muli." But when the audience clamored for more, Regine swiftly left the stage.

Gary assured the audience that more surprises were in store for them on the next nights of his Music Museum series.

(Other "Gary V Hits Music Museum" nights are on Aug. 29, 30, Sept. 5 and 6. Showtime is 9 p.m.)

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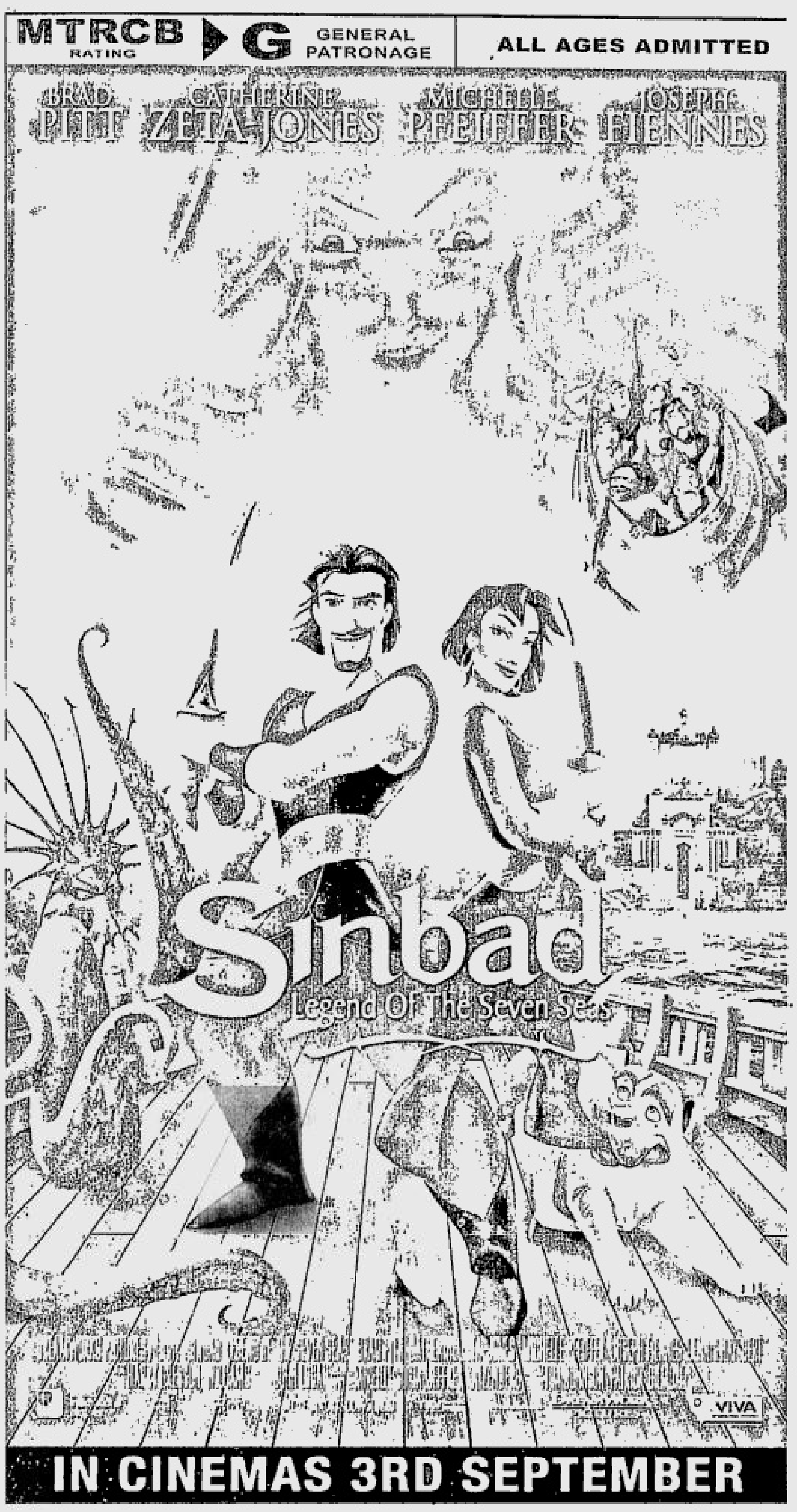
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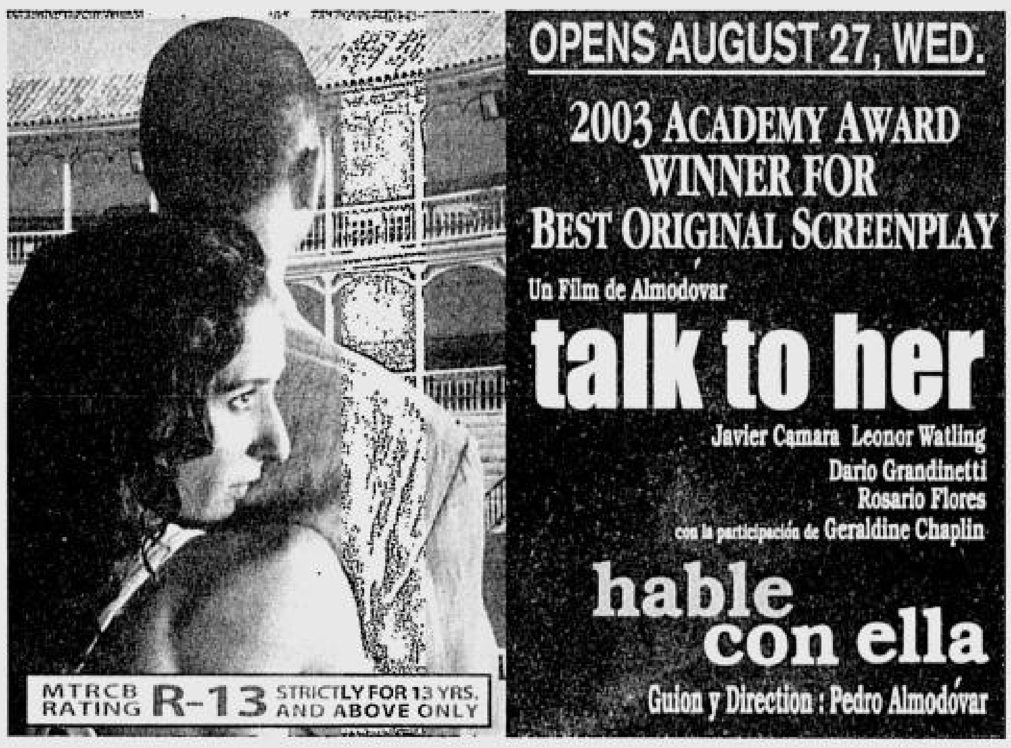
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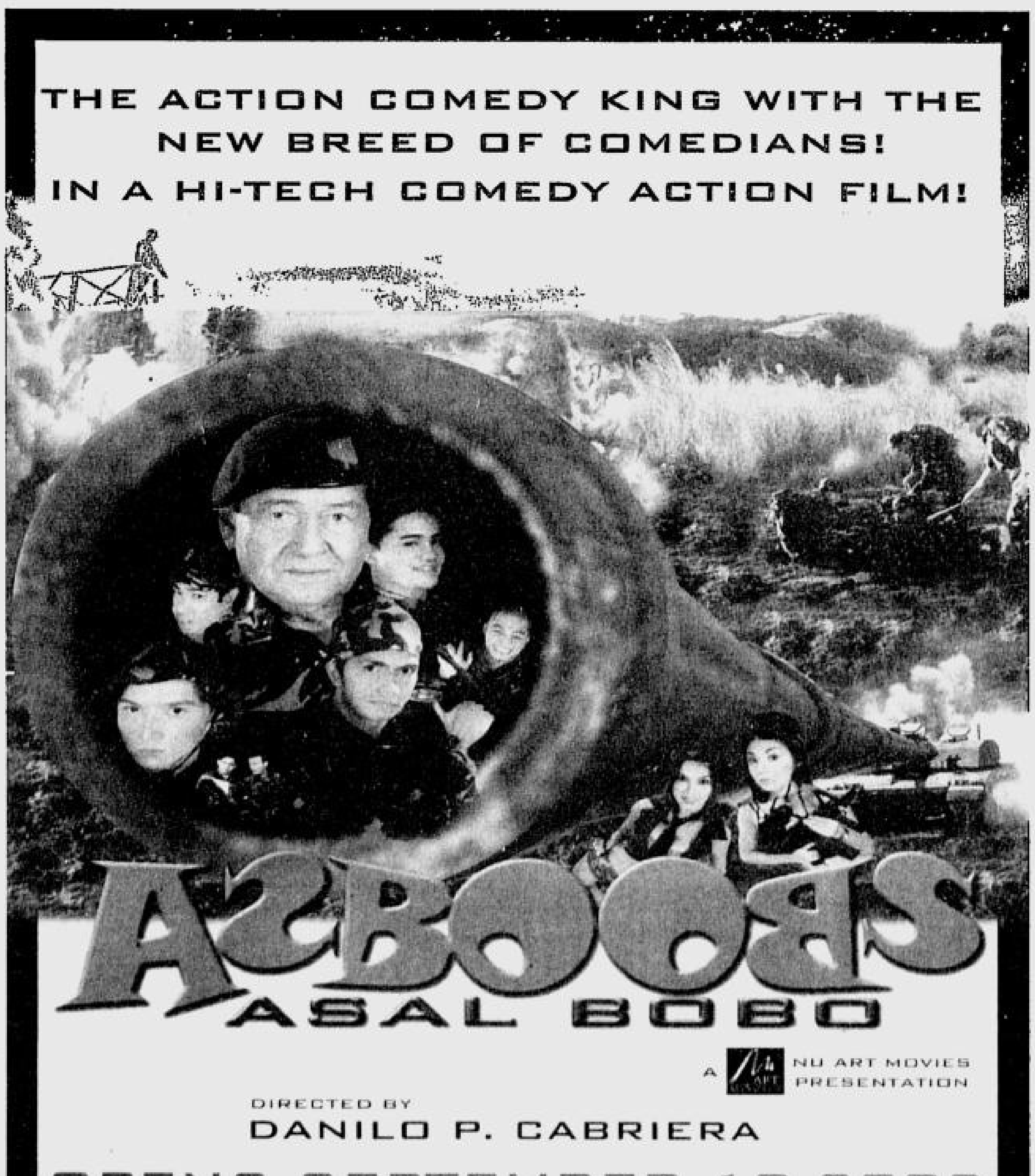
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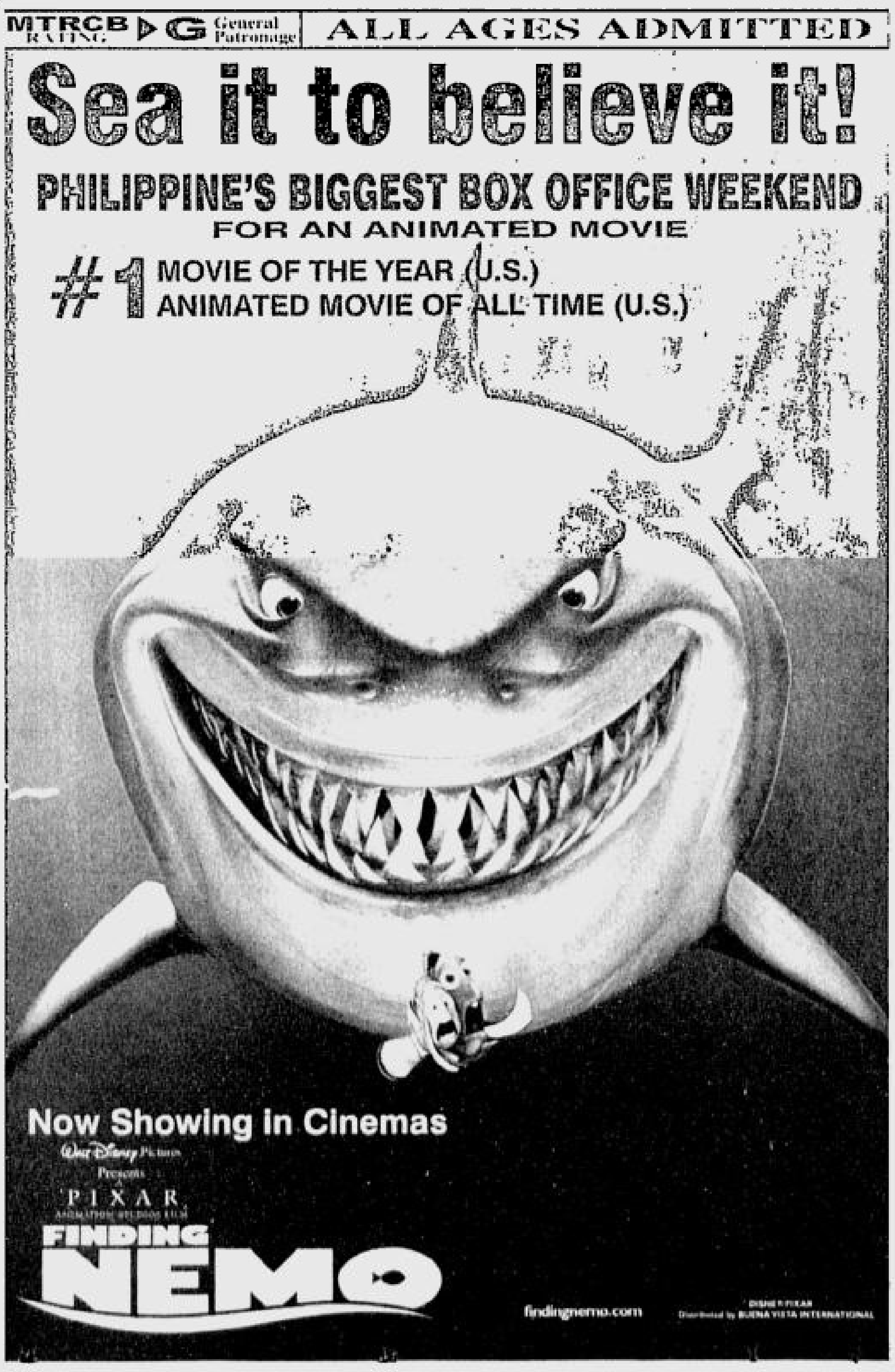
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Energy and Gary V, plus Gabriel!

By Leah Salterio
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REVIEW

BEING 20 years in the business makes Gary Valenciano older. His songs, big hits in the past two decades, are old. His dance movements, which still remind you of Michael Jackson's "Moonwalk" in the '80s, are dated.

But when Gary goes on stage and starts singing, few, if any, of today's young performers can match his bottomless energy. From his first song to his last in his ongoing, nearly three-hour concert "Gary V Hits Music Museum," Gary gives not just a part of himself but everything he can offer to his audience.

On opening night three Fridays ago, Gary sang as if it was his first time to face an adoring crowd, who screamed at his dance steps, who laughed at his spiels, who shrieked at the mere twist or bend of his body. His longtime musical director and best friend has given Gary's old hits new and brilliant arrangements. The first few strains of every tune sounded different and often unrecognizable so that you could hardly guess what Gary was going to sing next.

Father and son

Gary's last concert series at the Music Museum was "By Request" in 1997, but he remains at home in the venue. So, it was easy for him to warm up to his audience after his opening salvo, "Sa Yahweh." He shared the cramped stage with half a dozen musicians, including members of the Ugoy-Ugoy Band.

He was very good at working the crowd, too, not just with his songs but also with his movements. Sorry, but no other concert performer comes close to Gary, not even his closest rival Martin Nievera, when it comes to dancing.

That astounding terpsichorean talent has been clearly passed on to his son Gabriel, a towering 15-year-old who plays for the La Salle Greenhills high school basketball team. Father and son wowed the crowd while strutting to an N'Sync tune.

With Mon Faustino and his brother Tek, Gary and Gabriel also did an all-percussion number with "Hataw Na." It was a brilliant interpretation of a Gary V classic. I remember that last year at Onstage, they did "Hataw Na" with the sound effects of crumpled newspapers as background.

The good-looking Gabriel had his share of screaming fans. He did upstage his dad in the N'Sync number, while Gary beamed with pride from stage right.

Spontaneous, sincere

Gary's repertoire included a number of medleys. From his wish list (songs he wished he had originally sung), he sang "After the Love Has Gone," "Heart of Mine," "Sailing," "In Your Eyes," "Will You Still Love Me for the Rest of Your Life." Then he segued to a Motown medley: "I Can't Get Next To You," "Ooh Baby," "Get Ready" and "My Girl."

Gary's guest for the 10-night concert series is Kyla. She and Gary sang the duet which they recorded, Jose Mari Chan's "Can We Just Stop and Talk A While," and a beautiful version of "Sana Maulit Muli."

Gary had a mouthful to say in praise of Kyla. But Kyla couldn't return the compliment, since she hardly said anything in between their song numbers. But she more than made up for the lack of talk when she belted out Mariah Carey's "Through the Rain," which brought her well-deserved resounding applause.

Gary didn't need any script. His spiels were spontaneous and sounded sincere.

He dished out a Stevie Wonder medley of "Knocks Me Off My Feet," "Overjoyed," "You are the Sunshine of My Life," "Isn't She Lovely" and "Sir Duke."

When it was time for him to sing his own hits, the audience was ecstatic and sang with him in many numbers. He did a medley of OPM tunes given to him by their writers such as "Di Na Natuto" of Danny Javier, "Gaya ng Dati" of Pastor Al Termulo, "Reaching Out" of Cecile Azarcon and "Babalik Ka Rin" of Louie Ocampo. Too bad he didn't include "Natutulog Pa ang Diyos," with music by Nonong Buencamino and lyrics by Gary's wife Angeli Pangilinan-Valenciano.

The screams of the crowd grew louder with every familiar tune. Gary sang his own compositions in an acoustic medley: "Each Passing Night" which he wrote backstage at the Meralco Theater, "Narito" with words by Maya Meriales, "Take Me Out of the Dark" and "Letting Go."

The most touching part of the show was when Gary flashed old film clips of him and his beautiful Puerto Rican mom, Grimilda Ortiz, who was in the audience that night. At the other end of the row was Gary's dad, Vic Valenciano, who had taken those video clips, which Gary edited in his home studio.

Unlike in his other concerts where he used flamboyant costumes, Gary at the Music Museum limited himself to two black outfits

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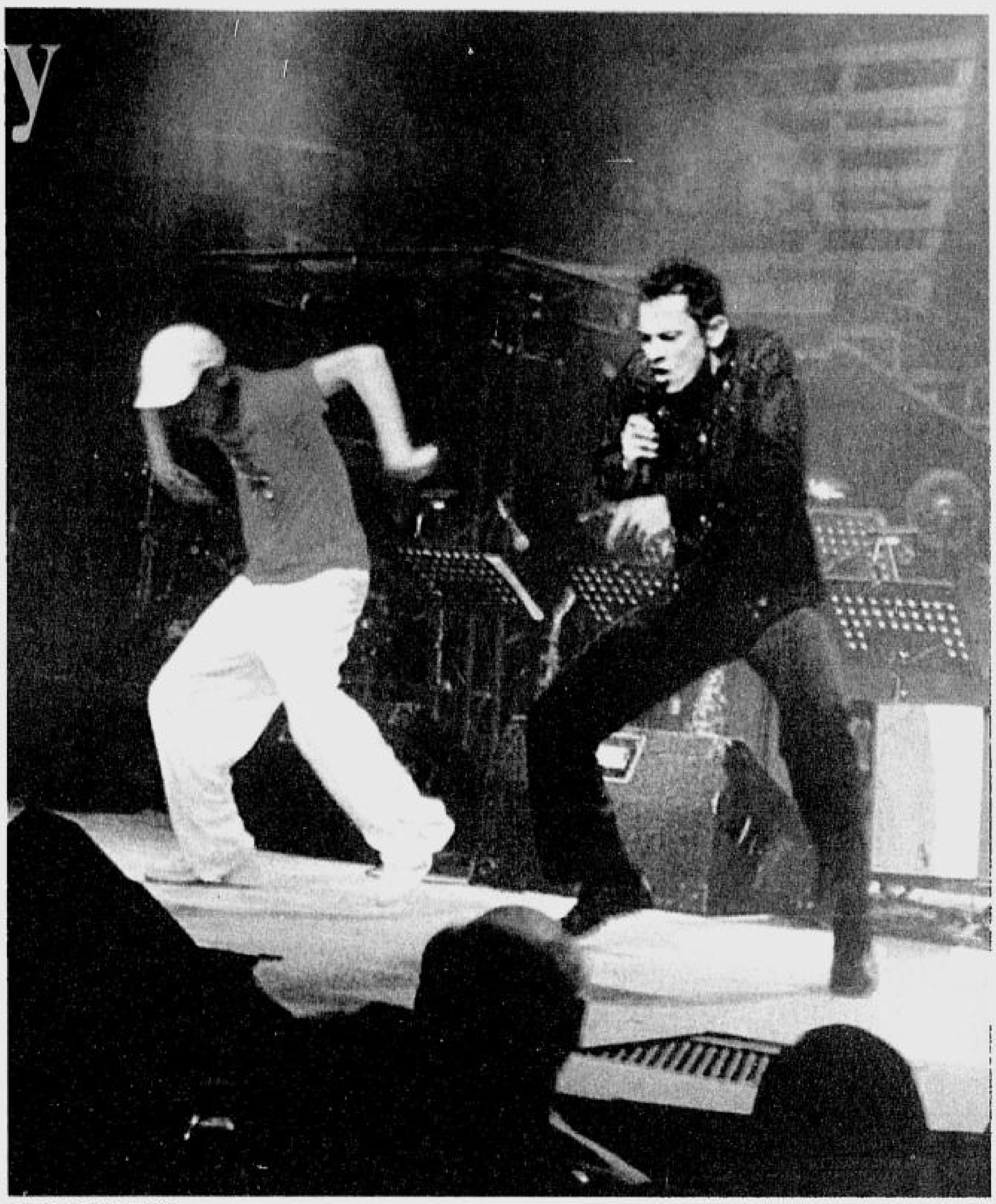
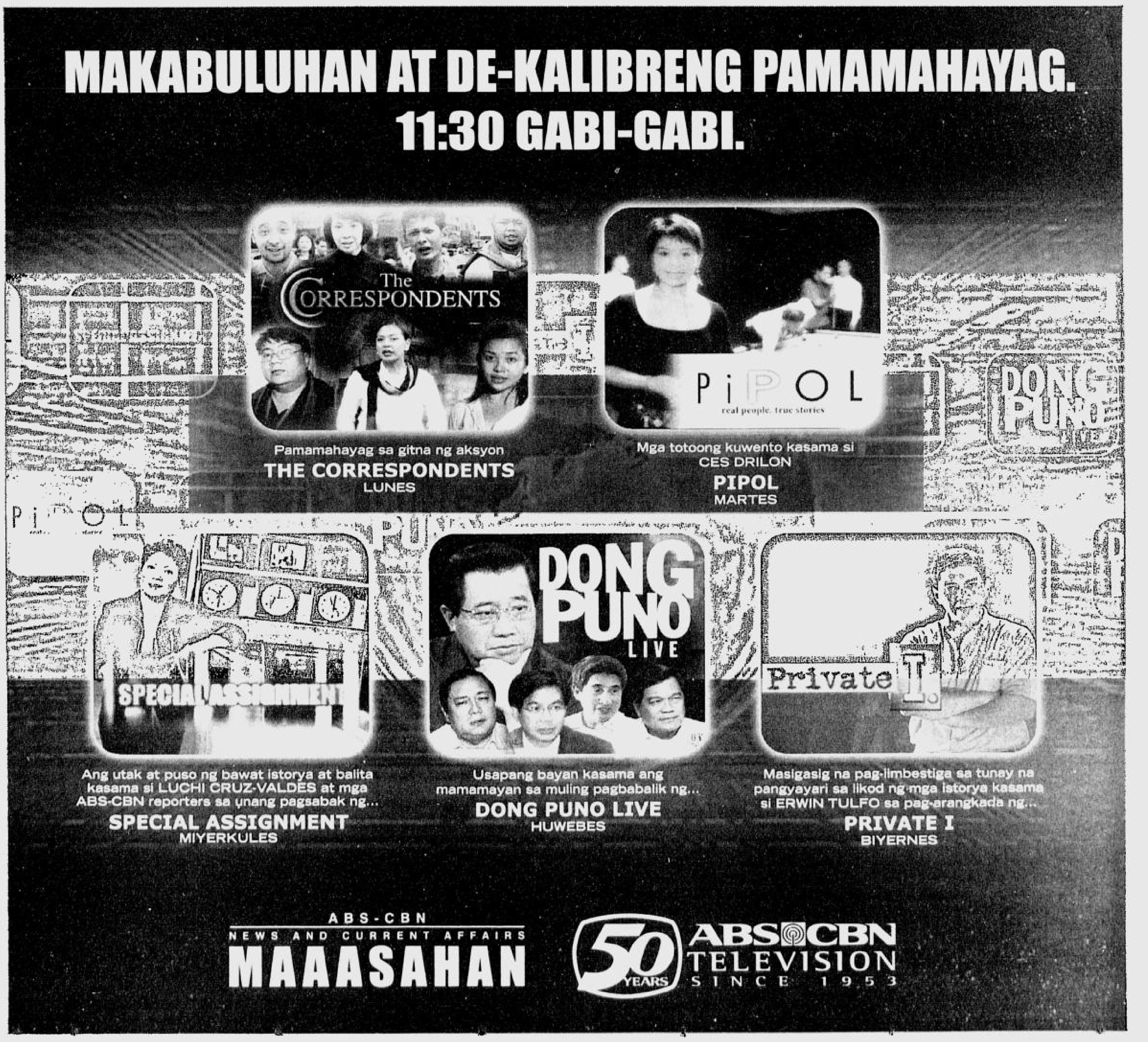


FATHER AND SON in show-stopping showdown. Twenty years and two sons and a daughter after he burst into show biz, Gary is still a dynamo.



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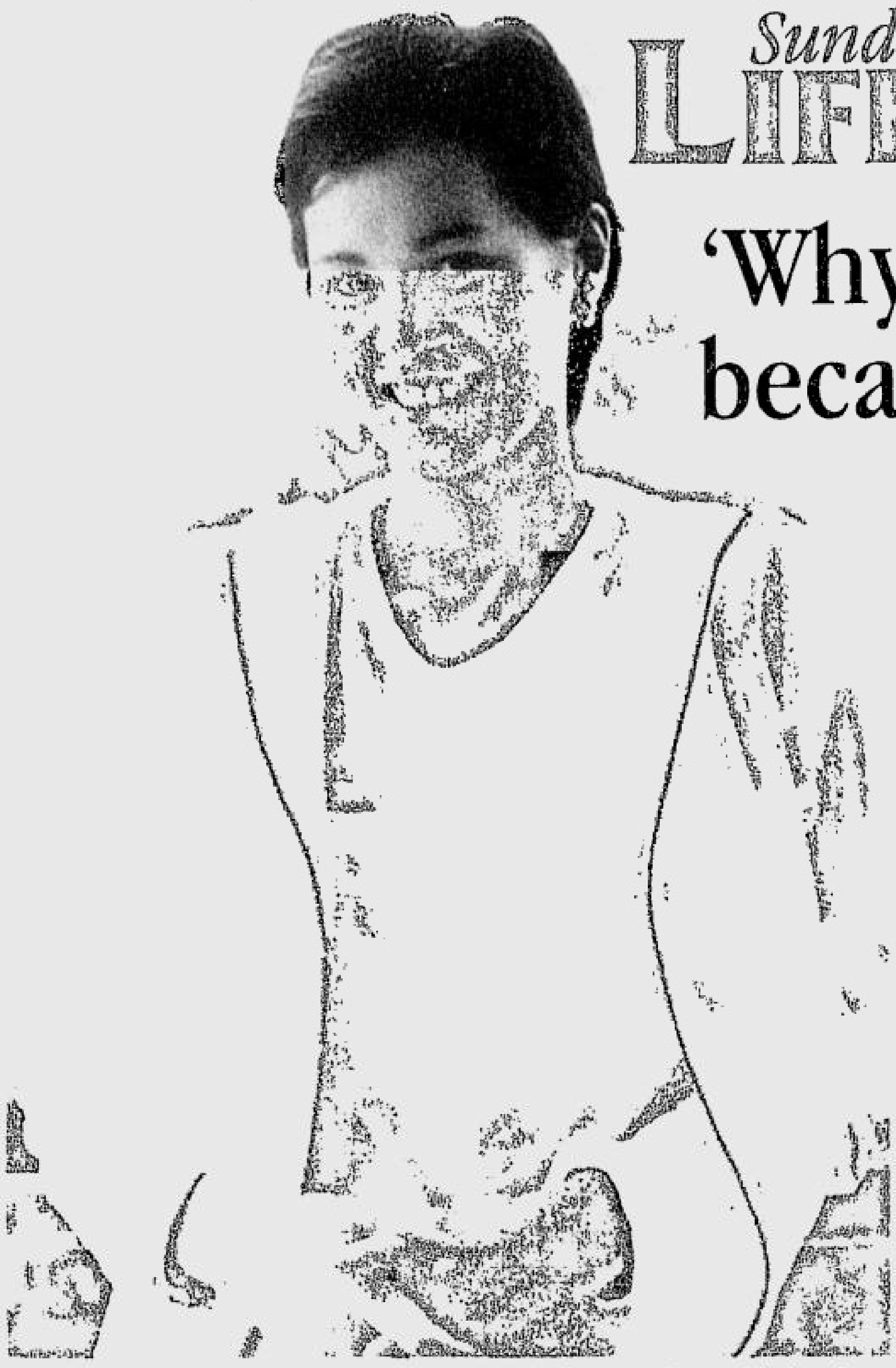

"SOMEWHERE very near, just around the corner"...Trisha Borromeo in one of the last photos taken of her as she courageously battled with non-Hodgkin's disease.

'Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?'

Patricia Borromeo, one of the country's most beautiful women who found fulfillment in teaching children, died last Jan. 8 of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. On her birthday tomorrow, family and friends are raising funds for the UP-PGH Pediatric Ward—definitely something that would please her. For a donation of P1,000, enjoy the music of Sugar Shack, Blow and Side A, and '80s and '90s dance music by Rhett Eala and Boyet Almazan at 7 p.m. at Dish in Rockwell Power Plant.

By Mavis Manotoc Fuentebella
Contributor

IN THE many years that Trisha and I have been friends, we talked about a lot of things. The past few years, a lot of our conversations revolved around her illness and what she was going through emotionally and physically, but we never discussed her probable death. It was a thought I, and she too, never wanted to entertain.

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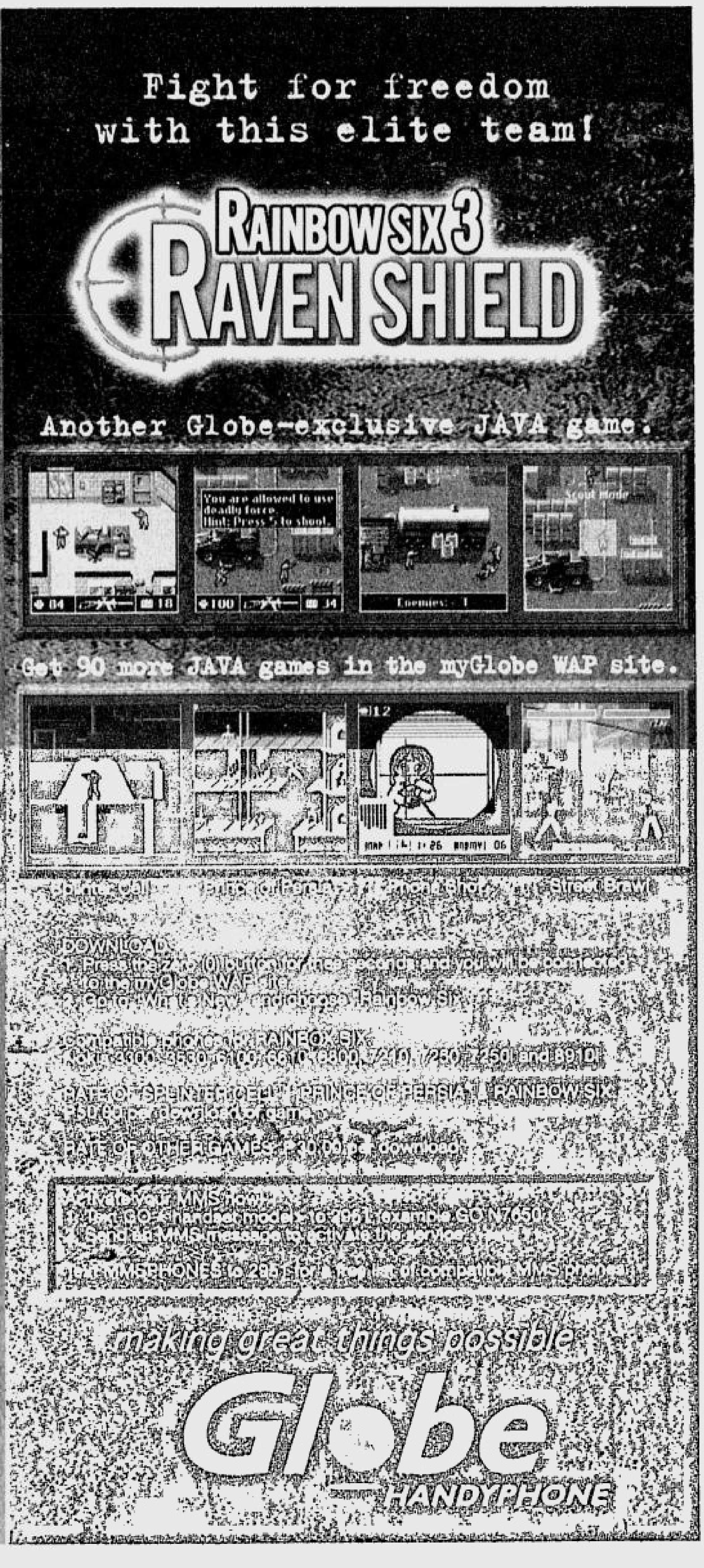

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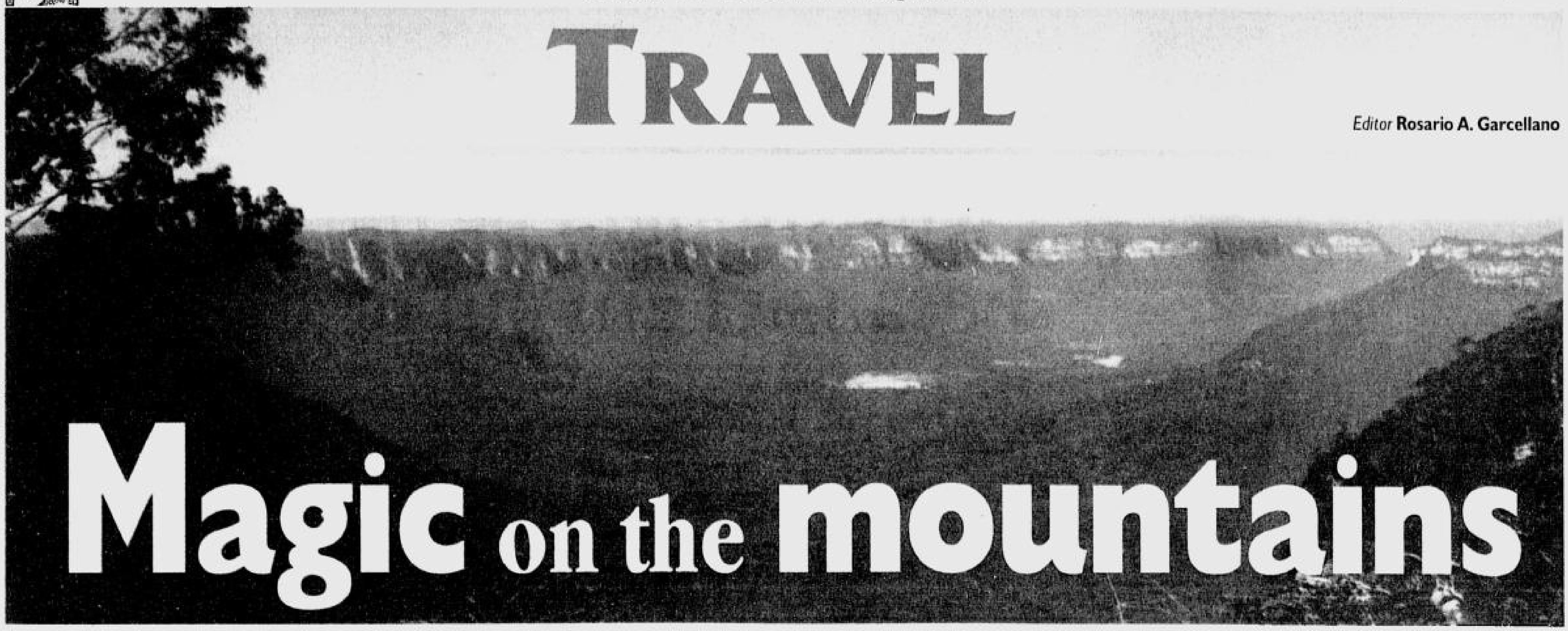


Magic on the mountains

NO mistaking the place with the blue haze

Text and photos by Angelina G. Goloy

WHAT Baguio is to Metro Manilans, the Blue Mountains is to Sydneysiders and suburban folk in New South Wales, Australia.

Back in the 1800s, wealthy families from Sydney, a two-hour drive away, built summer homes on the mountains to escape the heat and poor environment. But over the years, vacationers have discovered more adventurous ways to enjoy the place than simply soaking in the cool, clean air: abseiling, rock climbing, mountain biking, 4-wheel-driving in the wilderness, exploring canyons, touring caves, and even renting one to spend the night in! And, of course, no one leaves the mountains without bush walking.

A recent tour through the Blue Mountains was a manageable mix of leisurely nature-tripping with a dash of adventure thrown in. It was arranged, in cooperation with Qantas, by Geoff Bates, director of marketing and operations of Scenic World, the most popular tourist station on the mountains.

After two days of "touristy" sightseeing, Geoff and his wife Yvonne took me "where tourists don't go," bringing me closer to the mountains I first passed through in 1996.

Declared a UN World Heritage Site in 2000, the Blue Mountains refers to a section of the Great Dividing Range, eastern Australia's main watershed, comprising a series of sandstone plateaus and mountain ranges stretching across three states (Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria). The mountains (Solitary, Victoria, Tomah, Bell, Hay, Cloudmaker, among them) are veiled by a bluish haze caused by light rays diffusing through droplets of oil evaporating from eucalyptus trees, hence the name.

Lending a striking accent to the motif are the golden sandstone cliffs, especially when the sun, unobstructed by clouds, casts a brilliant glow directly on the steep slopes.

From the first communities of summer homes emerged the City of Blue Mountains, which consists of 27 townships, including Blackheath, where I stayed in one of Geoff and Yvonne's cabins for rent.

"We're on the highest point on the mountains," Yvonne told me on my first morning.

Today, this 10,000-sq-km region, specifically the nearly 2,000-sq-km Blue Mountains National Park located at the center, is one of Australia's top tourist destinations.

Were it not for the worldwide SARS scare, "we would have reached the one-million-visitors-a-year mark this year," Geoff said as he drove straight from the Sydney airport to our first stop en route to the mountains. The Australian Wildlife Park was just stirring to life on that comfortably cool (15 degrees Celsius) morning. But 10 minutes away, surprises waited at the Featherdale Wildlife Park, said to house the largest private collection of native animals.

Ever heard of quokkas and quolls? I'd been to more than a dozen wildlife parks in Australia, but this was the first time I'd seen an animal that looked like a grey rat but was the size of a rabbit (quokka), and a similar-looking marsupial with white spots on its back and its fat, flat tail that tapered at the tip (quoll).

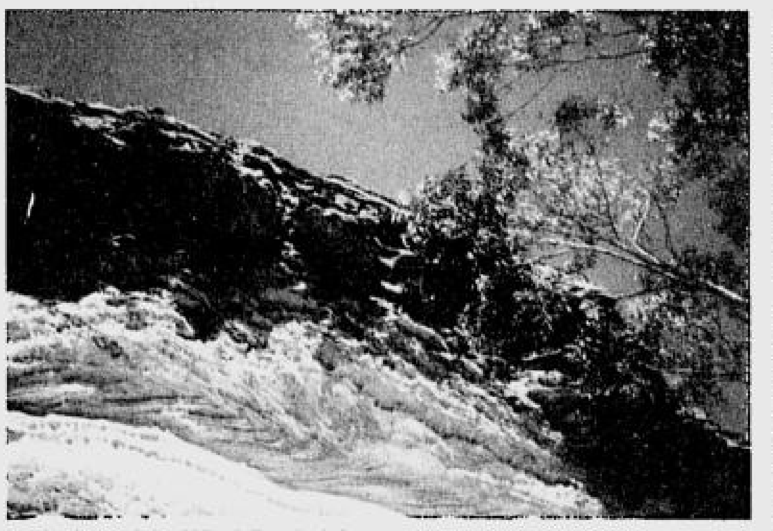
There were albino dingoes and an albino peacock, with mostly white feathers and strangely perched on a tree branch, as well as a joey wallaby who did a Houdini, leaving nary a trace of a slit on its mother's belly.

We reached the mountains when the sun was at its zenith. At the World Heritage Plaza at Echo Point in Katoomba, we were served, along with a savory lunch, a panoramic view of the mountains through glass walls.

A short walk away, tourists lined the lookout railing for a good shot of the mountains' most well-known icon, The Three Sisters, a trio of pillar-like rock formations towering over Jamison Valley. Aboriginal legend says the three were daughters of a witch doctor who turned the maidens into stone to protect them from an evil spirit, according to one version, and, according to another, to prevent them from marrying outside their tribe.

One can walk over to the "sisters" via a trail from the lookout, but I got to within striking distance, without effort, in the safety and comfort of a cable car, 200 meters above the valley floor. The Katoomba Scenic Skyway, billed as "the only passenger-carrying horizontal cable car in the Southern Hemisphere," is one of the rides at Scenic World.

Another is the Sceniscender, "Australia's steepest cable car," which descends 545 meters into the valley rainforest at 18 kph, brushing past magnificent sandstone walls. The third is the Scenic Railway, listed in the Guinness Book of Records as "the world's steepest passenger-carrying incline railway." Like a roller coaster, it dives into a tunnel, leading to a gorge that opens into a rainforest—the perfect place for the senses to settle down as one strolls down Australia's longest elevated boardwalk.



TOP view of the Wind-Eroded Cave

Capping the afternoon's mountain experience was "The Edge," a movie shown on a six-story-high screen—bigger, we were told to note, than Imax. Watching the movie was like being in it, the pulse-quickening experience probably the best alternative to actually dangling from a rope on a 90-degree cliff face or descending, sandwiched between hills, into the waters of a deep, dark canyon.

Even more stunning was the story of the discovery of the world's oldest living tree in the Blue Mountains nearly a decade ago (but which, strangely, I was hearing for the first time). In 1994, in a section of the wilderness inaccessible to the public, a parks officer noticed a cluster of the strange-looking trees in a sheltered rainforest gorge. He took a cutting to botanists.

The trees, known as Wollemi Pine, date back hundreds of millions of years. Also called "Dinosaur Tree," this conifer with fern-like leaves and which grows to a height of 35-40 meters, was believed to have become extinct before humans walked the earth.

Seedlings are now planted "in captivity," but the exact area where the trees were discovered is a secret known only to scientists involved in the project.

After a day of heights, it was depths I experienced at the Jenolan Caves the next day, but that's another story.

Finally, on the third day, Geoff and Yvonne took me down roads less traveled, the tires of their 4-wheel-drive mashing mounds of rich, red earth. Most of the places where we stopped were his old haunts as a lad—among them former aboriginal ceremonial grounds or areas in the bush with directional signs engraved on the rock.

"I used to hunt rabbits here in my teens. I'd set my traps around this area," Geoff recalled during a drive through one of the valleys.

From an isolated lookout, we viewed Grose Valley near the point doused by Govetts Leap ("leap" is a Scottish word meaning waterfall). Driving on, Geoff pointed up to a piece of rock perched on the tip of an extended cliff face. "It's called Anvil Rock because of its shape," he said.

A few more twists and turns on the road, and before I knew it, we had begun the trek up the rock. At close range, it brought to mind an altar for a primitive ceremony, perhaps like the one on which Abraham lay down his only son as offering to God.

Standing by the rock and making a visual sweep of the scenery around and below, yet another Bible story came to mind, the one about Jesus being tempted by the devil. Out there, the world was probably pretty much unchanged since the beginning of time.

"Not many people know about these attractions," Geoff remarked as he helped me up yet another geological marvel, the Wind-Eroded Cave. It was a sandstone cliff face sloping inward, like a giant cupped hand, complete with the lines and crinkles on the palm.

There were strings of pebbles (sea shells?) running across the entire section we viewed, like trimmings around a cake. "Those were probably where the ocean floor used to be hundreds of millions of years ago," Geoff said.

"I myself hadn't been there in 25 years!" exclaimed Christine, the owner of the Megalong Valley Tea Rooms where we had lunch. "It's sad," she said musingly. "We take for granted that we'll wake up every morning, and all this beauty around us will always be there."

Perhaps Christine, as well as everyone else, would do well to heed the sign in the chapel in the bush where we stopped on the way back to the cabin that Sunday afternoon. Propped on the altar was a piece of cardboard, with the inscription: "You are welcome to draw the curtains and admire God's handiwork." Behind it a portion of the wall was covered with a red curtain.

I did as advised, exposing a glass window and a view of the bush. It was nothing extraordinary, with only a sprinkling of plain yellow flowers dotting the dark-green shrubs.

But even in its simplicity, the vastness out there was awesome, humbling. It's part of the Creation, after all, just as we are. It is life, that divine handiwork man can never duplicate. Indeed, a trip to the mountains recharges the spirit.

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THE FAMOUS Three Sisters, with part of Mount Solitary on the right

Coming home

By Angelina G. Goloy

WHO better to show a visitor around than a native of the place, one who is as much at home in its back alleys and side streets as in its promenades and public gardens?

Geoff Bates, a former history teacher, knows enough about the Blue Mountains to write books about the region. He also loves his home so much, he has made a second career promoting it.

Where his job as Scenic World director of marketing and operations ends, his avocation as tour guide begins. And for love of the latter, he and his wife Yvonne went into business putting up visitors. They own Lakeview Holiday Park, a compound of budget-priced, self-contained cabins and cottages, located in three acres of parkland in Blackheath near a pond and the public swimming pool.

While Geoff is at work Yvonne keeps house—and that includes maintaining the 11 cabins and three cottages. She manages without help, she says, because meals aren't part of the service. Each unit has a well equipped kitchen, besides adequately furnished living rooms and bedrooms.

Ideal for families with children, Lakeview has a small playground with kiddie rides, a game room, and a covered barbecue area.

Guests usually book tours to known attractions on their own. But on weekends, when he's off from work, Geoff gladly takes anyone who's interested to spots only locals know about. Some of his regular patrons actually come back for his personalized off-the-beaten-track tours.

"So where are you taking me this time?" he quoted one who had just booked a cabin as saying.

"I might take him out here," Geoff pondered as he led the way, parting low bushes to make a path to a secluded picnic cove carved out of a cliff face.

Along the way, he stopped to pick eucalyptus seeds for me to take home. "Let me know if they grow," he said.

Occasionally Yvonne tags along on these excursions, interjecting softly from the back seat every now and then or offering her husband eucalyptus candy to soothe his throat as he carries on a running spiel while his vehicle rumbles up and down narrow rugged roads.

Slowing down a main road, he pointed out the house where he grew up and where he and Yvonne raised their three children until it became "too old and cold." Now practically decrepit, the house enabled Geoff to acquire Lakewood in the mid-1980s. "I hope to buy it back someday," he said.

Born and raised in Blackheath, Geoff moved to the national capital, Canberra, in the early 1970s to accept a teaching post. Yvonne and the kids joined him.

As had been their wont, they continued visiting Yvonne's folks at Bathurst, a city west of the Blue Mountains. Along the way their favorite stop was the Abercrombie Caves, considered among Australia's most spectacular limestone cave systems.

One wet winter, the family found the caves closed. Feeling sorry for the tourists who had come a long way only to be disappointed, Geoff asked the cave guide if there were any brochures they could read. Sorry, none, the guide said.

Incredulous, Geoff decided he himself would produce the pamphlet, which may well have been the starting point of his career in tourism. The incident at Abercrombie Caves so struck him that not long after, he told Yvonne, "I think it's time we went back home."

TRAVELBRIEFS

Flights to Iraq

BRITISH Airways has been given permission to start flights to Iraq.

The airline said in a statement that it received confirmation on Aug. 12 from the US-led administration in Iraq, the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), that it had been granted approval to begin air services to Basra.

It said it planned to fly there twice a week, via Kuwait, using a Boeing 777 aircraft. It said a decision would be made, together with the CPA, on the date of the start of the flights.

"The security of our customers, staff and operation is absolutely paramount, and we will only fly to Iraq once we are confident that it is safe for us to do so," Geoff Want, the airline's director of safety and security, was quoted as saying.

British Airways' predecessor, operating as Imperial Airways, began flights to Basra in 1927 and to Baghdad in 1929.

Flights were suspended in March 1987 during the Iran-Iraq war, resumed in November 1988, and were finally suspended in February 1990 in the run-up to the first Gulf war.

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TRISHA as one of Manila's Five Loveliest with (from left) Tessa Mendoza, Liza Chan, Judith Zapanta and Katrina Alunan

"LIFE means all that it ever meant"... Trisha with mom Myrna, brother RJ and sister Mitzi

'Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?'

From page D1

A few days after she passed away in January, as we were preparing to go to her wake, I remember telling my husband, "I cannot imagine how my life will be without Trisha. We have been through so much together. Will there be someone to replace her?" I knew the answer but it was hard to accept.

Every relationship is unique. Friendships are always special but there are some that are more than special. They are peerless. Trisha can never be replaced.

After the funeral mass, Tita Lou, the sister of Trisha's mom, wrote a letter addressed to Trisha's friends and enclosed a poem that she found in Trisha's journal. I believe it was Trisha's way of telling us to move on.

Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away into the next room. I am I, and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.
Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way which you always used to.
Put no difference into your tone; wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.
Let it be spoken without effort, without the ghost of a shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was.
There is absolutely unbroken continuity.
What is this death but a negligible accident?
Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?
I am waiting for you at an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.
All is well.

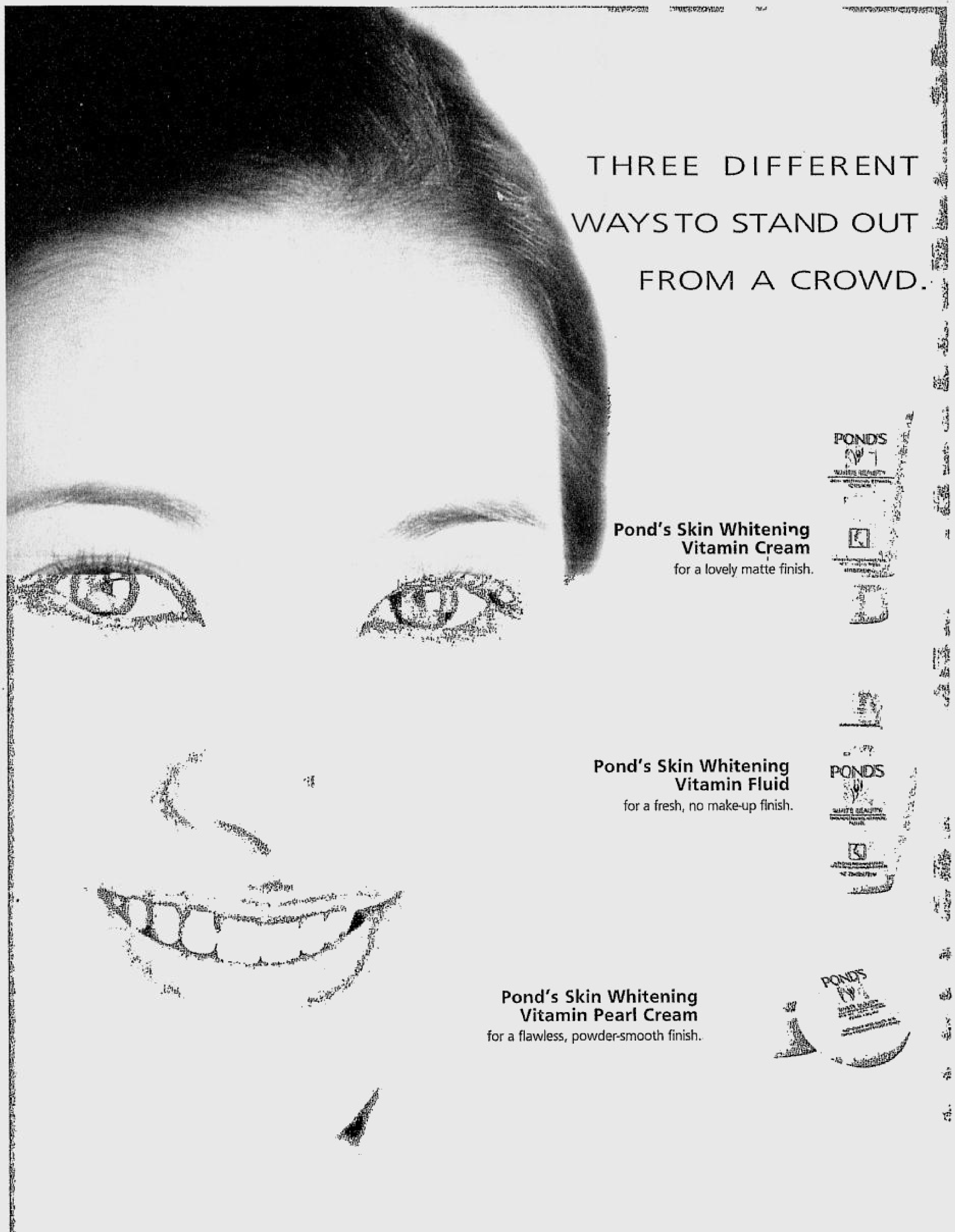
- Canon Scott Holland

This is how it has been for me the past eight months. I constantly talk to Trisha as if she is there; the difference is I no longer have to pick up the phone. She is, and always will be, a part of my life, the memories of our journey together locked in my heart.

Tomorrow is her birthday and, as we have done in the past, we will celebrate with family and friends, dancing to the music she loved and reminiscing as old songs play... just as she would've wanted it.

"LAUGH as we always laughed together"... a young and happy Trisha

"CALL me by my old familiar name"...Trisha as a friend is irreplaceable.



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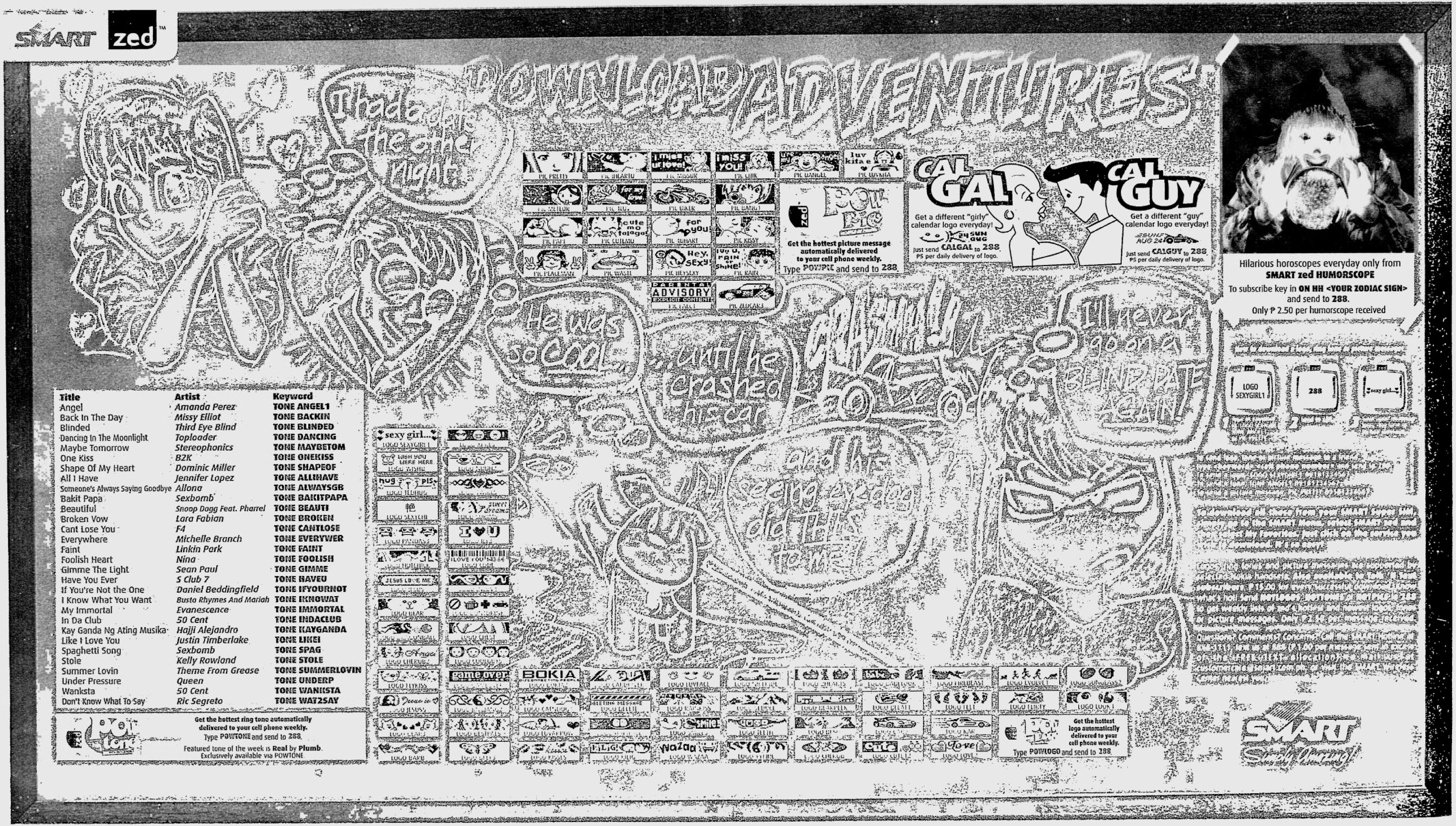
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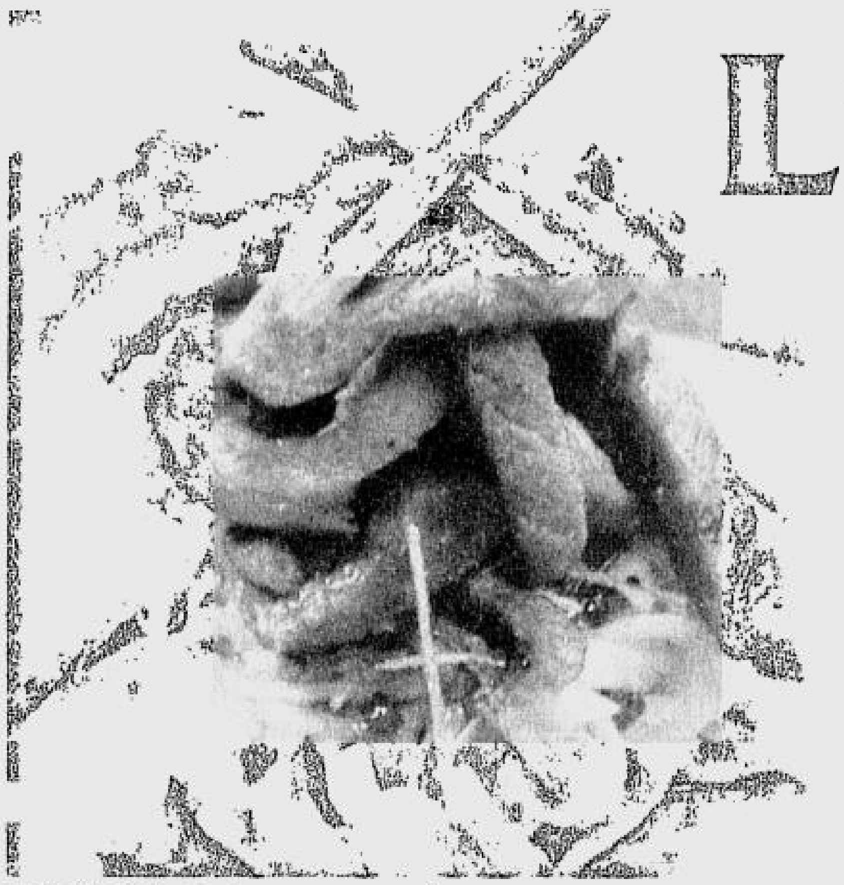
Sunday LIFESTYLE

13-course banquet, all for love of kids

At P5,000 per plate, much is expected of Nobu head chef Ricky Estrellado and company, but not to worry—this group has delivered before



SAUTÉED Kobe Beef over yuzu-scented inaniwa

RICKY Estrellado, executive chef of Nobu New York

Text by Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Romy Homillada

BANTAY Bata and Kai are about to make a difference in the lives of more than 200 abused children as they host a fundraising dinner tomorrow, and again on Aug. 26 and 27 on the ground floor of Greenbelt 2, Makati.

To be presented at the event is a 13-course Kaiseki meal to be created by Ricky Estrellado, executive chef of Nobu New York; Rex Soriano, chef, Grace in West Hollywood, California; Gilbert Pangilinan, chef, Kai; Mike Yap, chef consultant, Kai; and Pierre Angeli Dee, front of the house, Susanna Foo in Philadelphia.

Proceeds of the P5,000-per-plate affair will go toward the completion of the Bantay Bata 163 Children's Village, a 2.5-hectare haven for abused kids located in Norzagaray, Bulacan.

Six of the projected 10 residential cottages have been built, with 80 children and 30 staff as occupants.

'Last November, Ricco Ocampo and Doris Ho, part owners of Kai and directors of Bantay Bata 163, held a fundraising dinner for Asia Society where Estrellado, Soriano, Pangilinan, Yap and Dee also presented a menu from Nobu New York.

"We were able to raise a million pesos through that event. So we thought of organizing this fundraiser, which is something close to our hearts. This year, we hope to raise P2 million. And hopefully, we can make this an annual affair," says Ocampo.

For Estrellado, the event is a chance to come home and give back one's blessings. "It's a great feeling if you're able to help the needy instead of just cooking and making money," he says.

And doing such charitable acts is nothing new to him because Nobu New York holds one benefit every month.

Explosion of flavors

The Kaiseki meals that will emerge from Kai's kitchen tomorrow until Aug. 27 may be Japanese in design, but the food is strikingly original, says Estrellado.

"The 13 dishes are small portions of different flavors, textures and tastes. They're influenced by Nobu cooking, but it's a totally different menu."

The menu for the fundraiser includes Lobster Tail Sunomono in Citrus "Shell" (seaweed and cucumber salad), Sichimi-Crusted Hamachi (mixed greens and maple-ponzu vinaigrette), Seared Foie Gras Over Anago (red miso-barbecue sauce), Grilled Seafood Sampler (yuzu-marinated octopus, prawn with coconut-wasabi sauce, and Chilean sea bass with sweet-spicy sesame sauce), Yamamomo Granite, Tempura Tasting (kaki age with scallop, curry-panko chicken katsu and soft-shell crab), Sautéed Kobe Beef over yuzu-scented inaniwa pad Thai, Shishito Sharks Fin Soup and Coconut Rice Pudding Maki (bittersweet Valrhona chocolate wrapper and fresh fruit filling).

If Nobu has Peruvian influence, Estrellado says, Kai has been inspired by global cuisines.

"Each of the team has worked and eaten in different restaurants around the world. So we take something from each of these places and combine them for this special meal."

But Estrellado shuns the word *fusion* in defining Kai's menu. "I'd rather call it Japanese food done our way."

Innovative chef

At 34, Estrellado has established himself as an innovative chef who has the ability to take classic flavors and add to them a taste of the unexpected.

This didn't happen by accident.

He took up computer science for seven semesters at De La Salle University because "it was the in thing at that time, although my understanding of computers was limited to Nintendo."

He left school and went on a soul-searching sojourn. "When my parents left for Japan, I had the house to myself. The maids who stayed with me didn't know how to cook. If it was omelet on a Monday, it would be omelet for the next three years. So I decided to do the marketing and cooking myself. That's when I realized what I wanted

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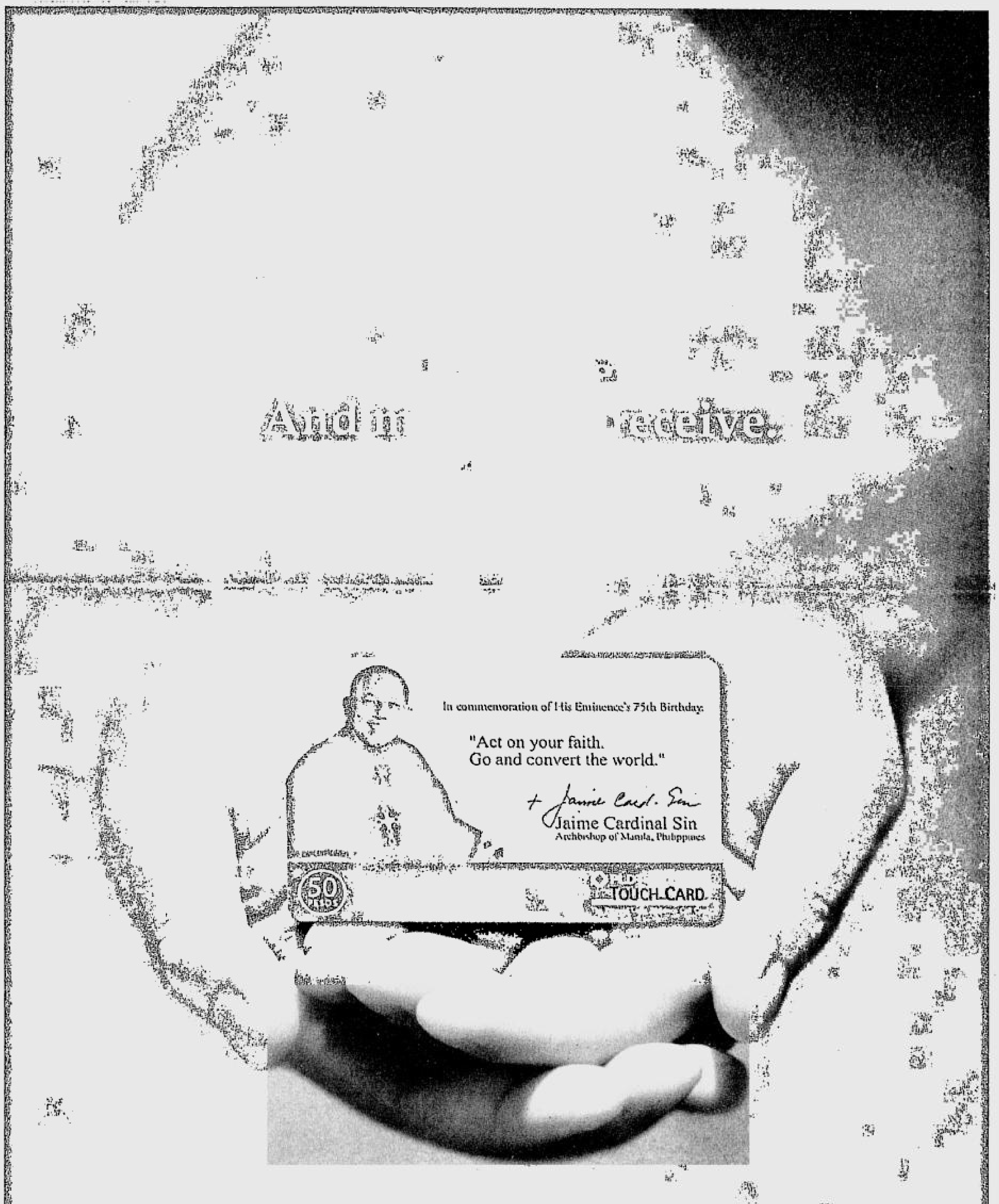

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ANNABELLE **Toledo**, pretty daughter of **Miguel** and **Pacita Toledo** (*nee* **Unchuan**), was recently married in Las Vegas to **Dennis Allen Hazard**, son of **John** and **Karen Hazard**. It was a morning wedding at St. Joseph Husband of Mary Church on West Sahara Avenue.

Flying off to Nevada from Cebu for the occasion were Annabelle's parents **Goel** and **Cit-Cit** with maternal grandmother **Luching Alfonso Unchuan**, and younger sister **Nancy Toledo**, who acted as maid of honor during the ceremony.

Maternal aunt **Consuelo** (*nee* **Unchuan**) and Dr. **John Suchoski** drove from Seattle. Dennis Allen's maternal grandfather, **Rey Taylor**, 93, was also present.

Annabelle studied Law in Cebu, and after graduation went on vacation to visit her extensive family in the USA. She ended up working for a paralegal firm in Las Vegas, joined the Singles for Christ and met Dennis Allen.

They were compatible in values and attitudes. And before they knew it, they had fallen in love. Everyone in Cebu wants to know when they're coming to visit.

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Wedding bells pealed at Santo Niño parish in Mactan for the afternoon marriage of Austria's honorary vice consul **Julie Christie Alegrado** and **Victor Amado Martin Vergara**. She is the daughter of Austria's honorary consul general in Cebu, **Arcadio "Dodong" Alegrado** and **Marle Montalban Alegrado**.

Vic is the son of lawyers **Gil Vergara** and**Teresita Vergara**, who was unable to come from Las Vegas for this family milestone. She just sent her felicitations and good wishes.

Principal sponsors were **Emerito Calderon**, **Susumu Kodaira** of Japan, paternal uncle of the bride **Eddie Alegrado**, Mesdames **Elsa Durano**, **Eloisa Fernan** and **Vicky Moraza.**

Julie had three matrons of honor: her sis **June Christie A. Ugarte**, **Kristina Baker** and **Rosemarie Andres**. Vic also had three best men: **Emmanuel Halili**, **Archimedes Arambulo** and **Jovy Alegrado.**

The reception took place by the beach, at the plush Maribago Bluewater resort owned by the Alegrados. Tables were magnificently decorated, two long buffets groaned with specialties, and a band played dance music till the crack of dawn. Sunrise at Maribago, which faces east, is truly a wonderful sight.

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Myra Gonzalez y Osmena is thrilled no end with her first grandchild. Her daughter **Inma** and **Paolo Manguerra** just had their first born son and barely two weeks later he was christened **Manuel Santiago** at Sacred Heart Parish.

Inma's dad, **Manolo Losada**, fondly called The Count (which he is), sent his greeting from Seville, Spain. Friends and relations, led by paternal grandmother **Terry Escaño Manguerra**, filled the Beehive for the elaborate luncheon that marked the milestone.

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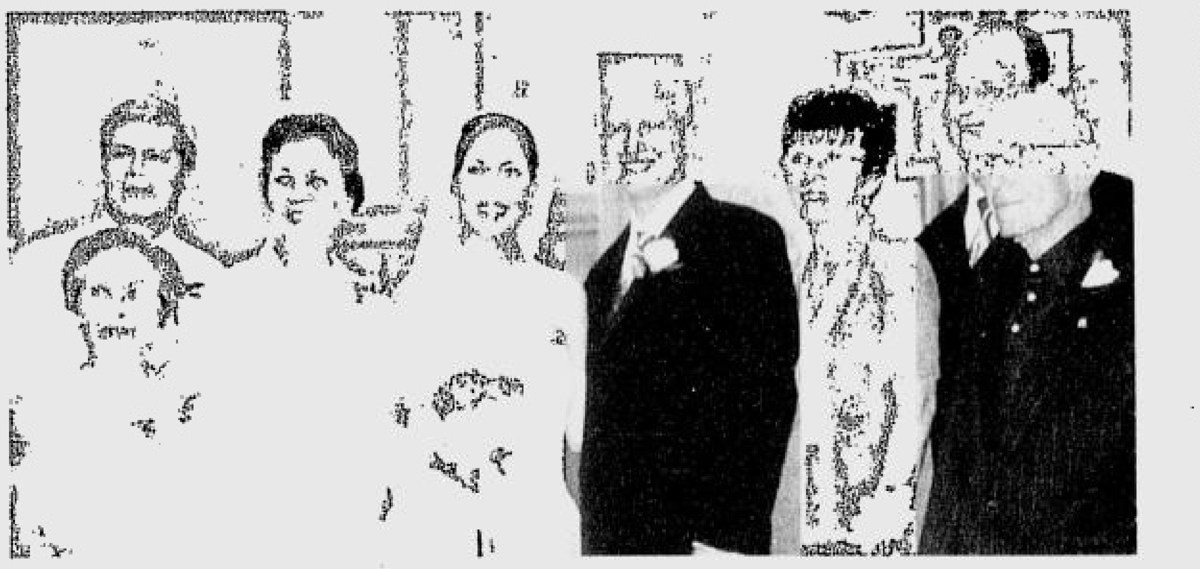
The Marriott Hotel tossed a bash to say farewell to its general manager **Christiane Wasfy** who is off to the Vietnam property, and to welcome the new GM, **Karl Hudson**, who was born in UK, raised in New Zealand, and is well travelled around Asia. He speaks Mandarin and Japanese.

Costas Vafopoulos, Ayala Hotels' chief operating officer, made the appropriate presentation speech.

The hotel's top staff were in attendance: finance director **Danilo Luzada**, engineering director **Rodrigo Enriquez**, marketing director **Carolyn Blanco de la Cruz** with sales director **Albert Lafuente**, sales manager **Yen-Yen Malzarte** and PR girl **Dolly Bello.**

THE MARRIOTT'S Christiane Wasfy and Karl Hudson

CEBU Quota president Jo Mapeso and vice mayor Mike Rama



A WEDDING in Las Vegas for Annabelle Toledo and Dennis Hazard. At left are her parents Miguel and Pacita Toledo with grandma Luching Alfonso Unchuan; at right are his parents Karen and John Hazard with grandpa Rey Taylor

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The Quota International of Cebu is composed of civic minded ladies who raise funds for various charity projects with special focus on the hearing-impaired. The induction of officers for its incoming term was graced by high-ranking Quotarians **Carmen Sobrepeña** and **Marilou del Rosario,** and Cebu City Vice Mayor **Michael Rama** who was guest speaker.

Josephine Mapeso, who once served as Quota Cebu's club president, is again at the helm, ably assisted by VPs **Corazon Cañete** and **Lourdes Parker** who has been chosen as chair of the 2004 annual Quota Santacruzan. The secretary is **Evelyn Ramirez**, assisted by **Ma. Cecilia Raborar.**

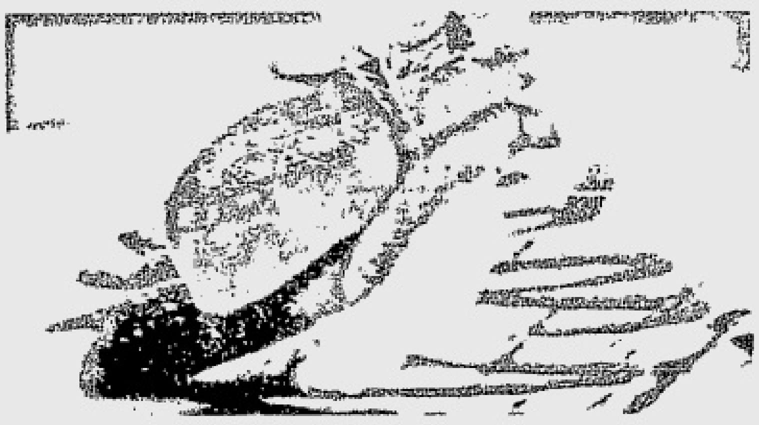
Tina Corominas, a past president, is treasurer, assisted by **Lourdes Manigos** and Apex auditor **Marcia Godinez**, also a past president. **Pinky Shan** is PRO, while past presidents **Sophia Mancao** and **Tita Oppus** are on the board of directors along with **Loretta Calderon**, **Lourdes Garcia**, **Fely Gimarino** and **Linda Rana.**

Quota Cebu's charter president **Lygia Ibañez** heads the board of advisers.

A series of meetings has been held to ensure that the Santacruzan next year will be the grandest ever, and that there will be enough funds to cover the expenses of schools for the hearing-impaired which the organization supports.

MARGOT Gonzalez Larrañaga, Myra Gonzalez y Osmeña with first grandchild Manuel Santiago Manguerra, Terry Escaño Manguerra and Tina Escaño Unchuan

13-course banquet, all for love of kids



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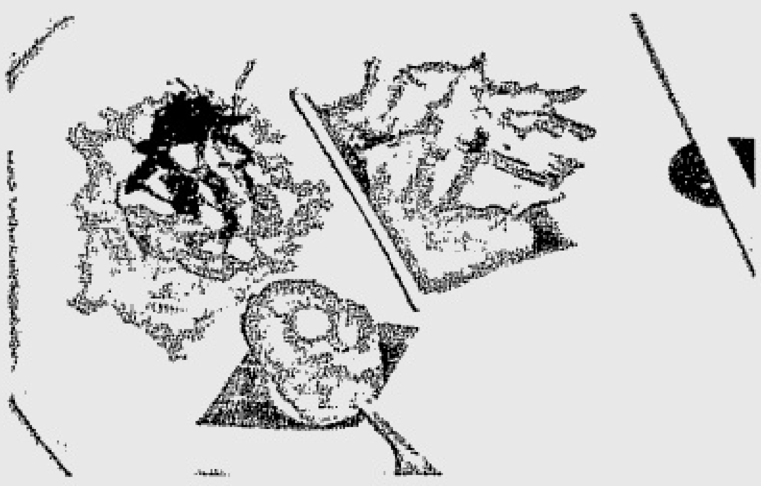

TEMPURA Tasting: Kaki age with scallop, curry-panko chicken katsu and soft shell crab

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to do."

Although Estrellado's parents got mad at him for not finishing his course, his father helped him get a job at Goodah—cooking *goto* and *lumpia* on the graveyard shift. His gas expenses were even bigger than his salary.

"It was my dad's way of discouraging me to pursue a cooking career. But I never gave in to the hardships. And every time a party would be held at home, I'd prepare the meals to show them that cooking is what I loved doing."

When he eventually studied at New York Restaurant School, he was so enthusiastic that he was never absent or late for his classes. "I even won all the awards in school."

Rising from the ranks

When Nobu opened nine years ago, Estrellado was hired as prep cook for a year.

"I went through five stations to learn everything in the kitchen. But it didn't take that long for me to learn because there were many lazy Americans who didn't want to do things that were not part of their job description. So I performed the things they didn't want to do," he says.

Then he became chef de cuisine for seven years, and was appointed as executive chef early this year.

"Because of Nobu, I was able to get a working visa and green card," says Estrellado, who now supervises 30 prep cooks and chefs, including five Filipinos.

He often reminds his staff that dining should be an experience like watching a movie, concert or play.

"One must never sacrifice the quality of food. Cook with all your senses. But be happy when cooking because how you feel will affect the food. And the most important thing is to thrive on the rigors of one's work," he says.

Estrellado has plans of putting up his own Filipino restaurant in New York. But this may take time because he has no plans of leaving Nobu yet.

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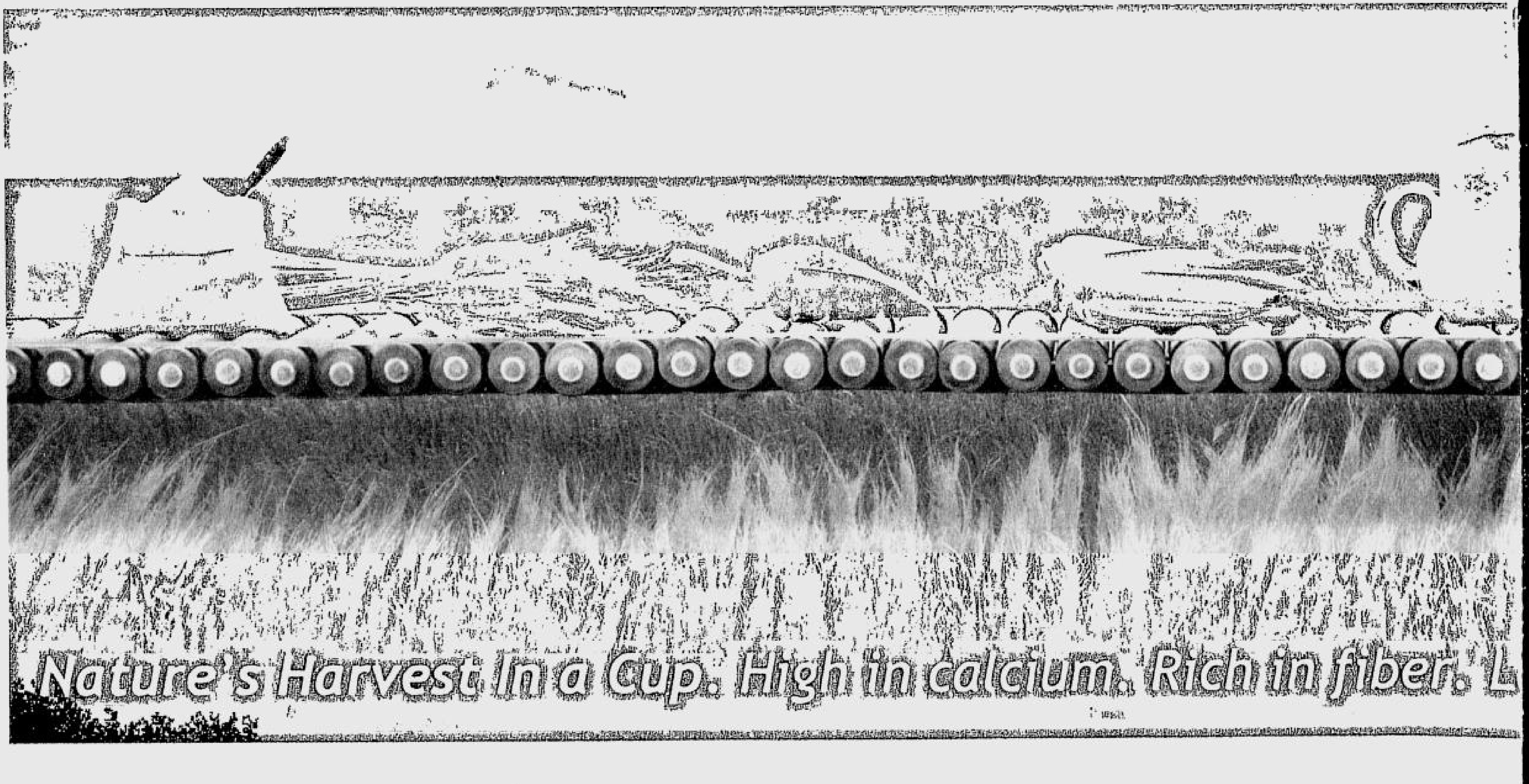
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Proceeds will benefit the Mother Rosa Memorial Foundation (MRMF), Chosen Children Village Foundation and the Abot Pangarap Foundation.

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Abot Pangarap Foundation extends financial assistance to St. Martin School in Baguio that serves 300 children of cultural minorities in the Mountain Province.

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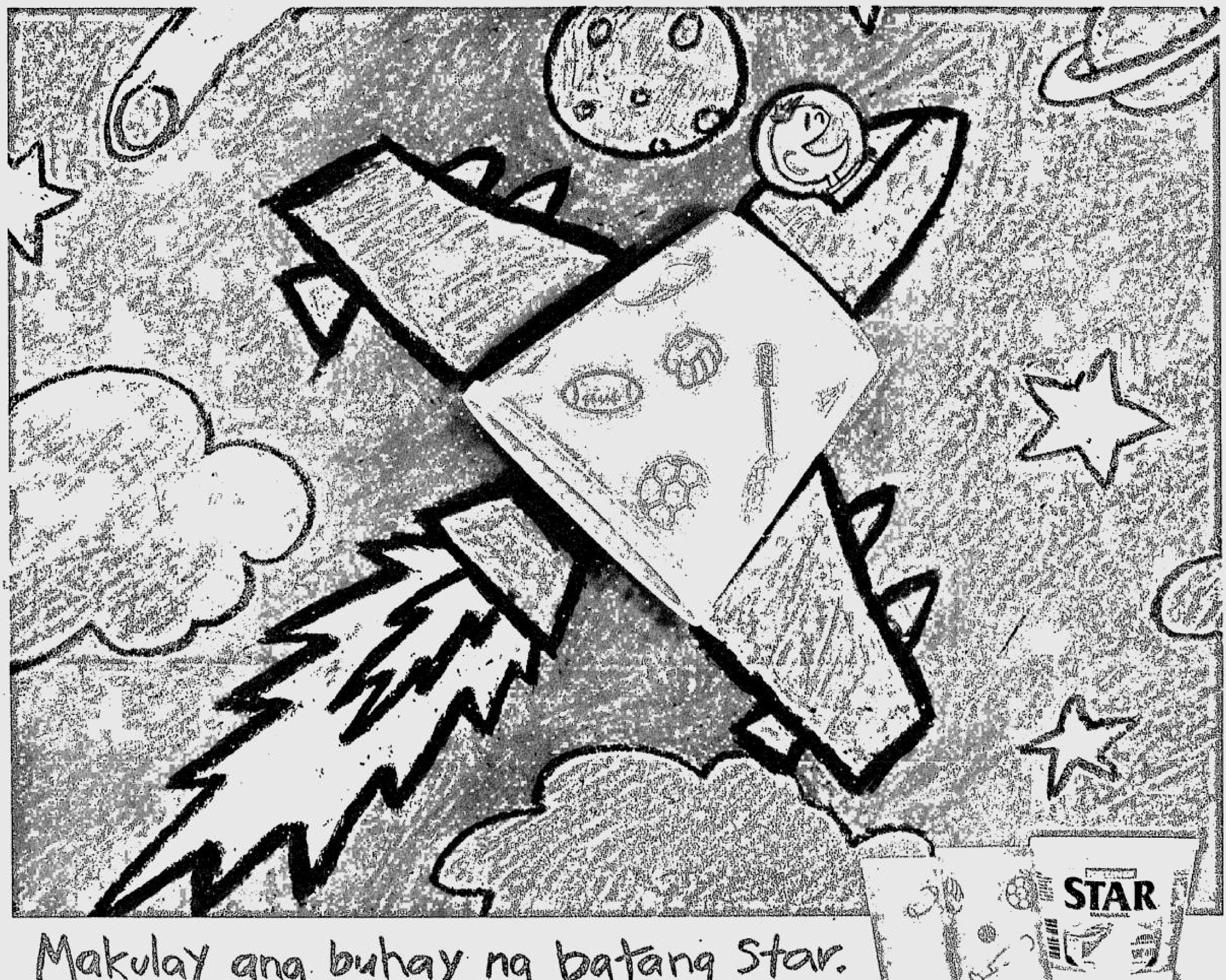

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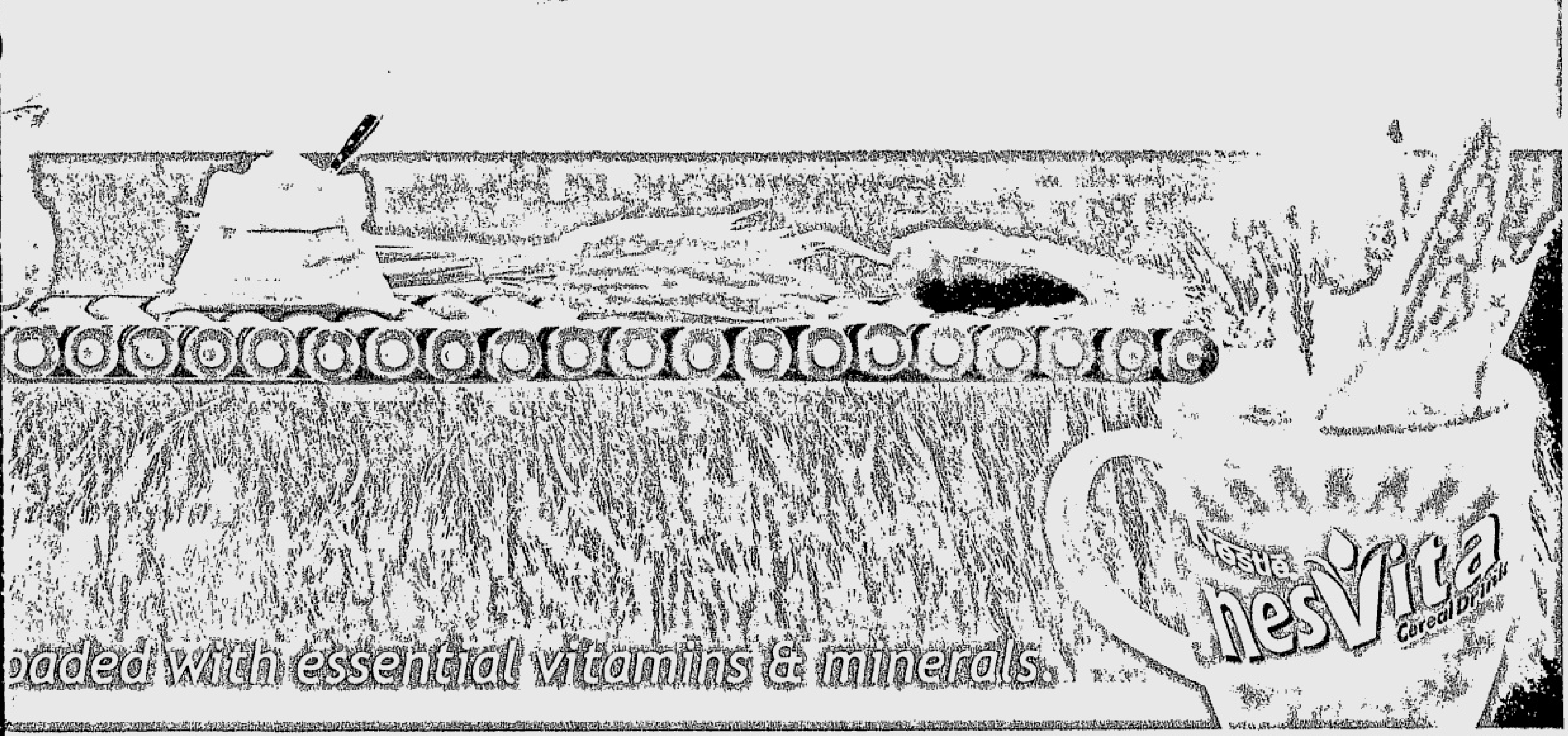

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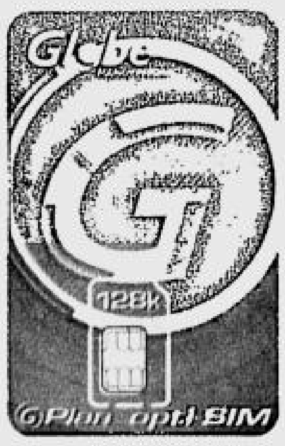

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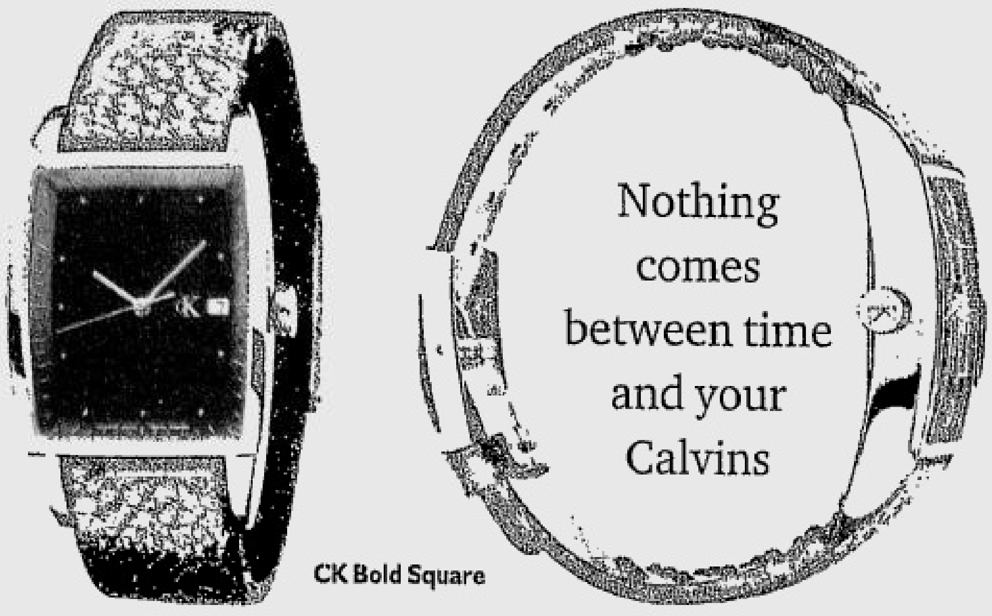

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Time after Klein

By Alex Y. Vergara

THE CROWDED watch market heats up with the recent launching of Calvin Klein's newest collection of timepieces that aims to embody the New York-based fashion designer's philosophy—"pure, minimal, sexy and contemporary."

Iris Chan, vice president of the Swatch Group (Hong Kong) Ltd., flew to Manila recently to grace the launch, which was capped by a fashion show at Restaurant 12 featuring cK's Minimal, Endless, Dress, Daring, Bold, Classic and Diamonds series.

Unlike the much more expensive Rolex, which Chan described as a "classic" watch, cK is positioned as a fashion watch for the young and the young at heart. And who wants to be seen running around town wearing an expensive *kuntador* on one's wrist?

With prices ranging from $180 to $300, cK watches are much cheaper and definitely sleeker than a number of bulky sports watches in the market. The brand caters to a different niche than the more popular but more rugged Swatch.

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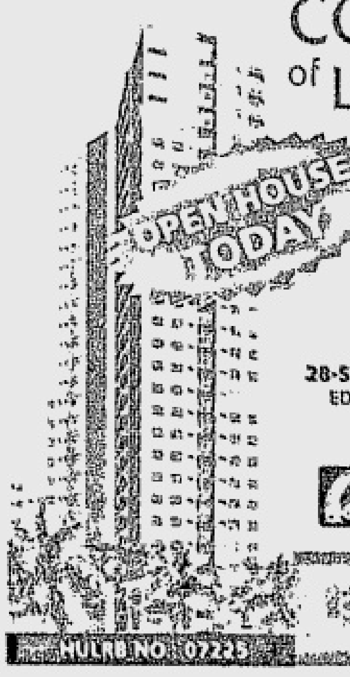

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September 2 (Tuesday) 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. SECRETS NO MORE! (My most requested recipes) by: Heny Sison, P3,000 *Decadent Chocolate Cake, Lemon Torte, Ensaymada, Almond Sanzrival, Strawberry Shortcake & Ube Cake.

September 3 (Wednesday) 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. FRESH PASTA WORKSHOP by: Chef Giorgio Bucciarelli, Master Pizzaiolo & Barista, Food Consultant of various Italian restaurants all over Metro Manila, graduated at Culinary Institute, Milan, Italy, P2,500
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September 23 (Tuesday) 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. FOR GARLIC LOVERS by: Aileen Anastacio, P 1,700 *Shrimps Gambas, Chorizo and Garlic Pasta, Chicken with 40 Cloves of Garlic, Steak a la Pobre, Seared Prawns with Lemon, Garlic & Basil Sauce and Garlic Mashed Potatoes

September 24 (Wednesday) 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon COOKIE BARS FOR SELLING by: Jane Paredes, P 1,500
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September 24 (Wednesday) 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. SUSHI CLASS by: Chef Koichi Kondo, licensed cook from Ehime, Japan and food consultant to various Japanese restaurants. P1,500
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September 30 (Tuesday) 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. BROWNIE WORKSHOP by: Jill Sandique, P 2,500 *Fudgy Brownies, Chocolate Chip Peanut Butter Blondies, Chocolate Chip Walnut Bars, Cappuccino Brownies, Butterscotch Brownies, Marbled Cream Cheese Brownies, Fruit & Nut Bars & White Chocolate Brownies

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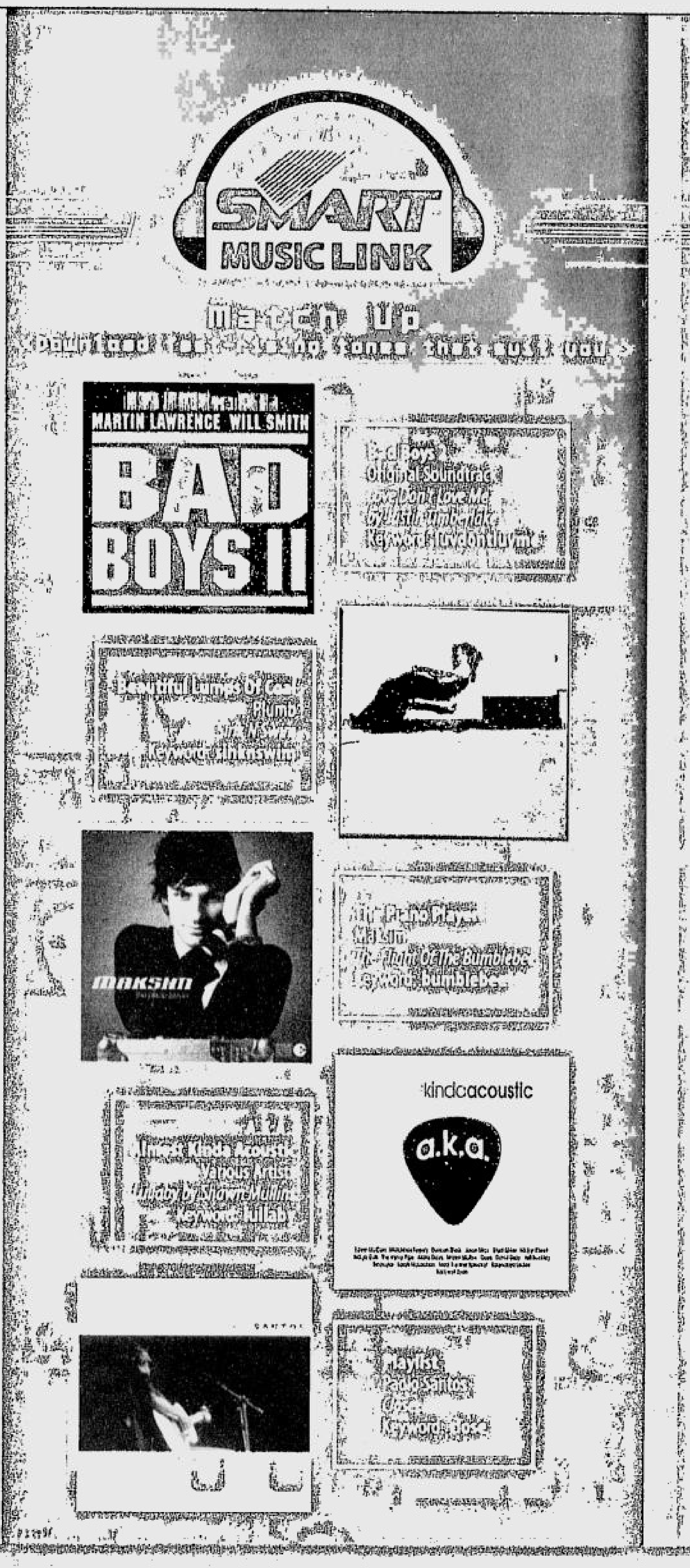
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13	**Meteor Rain**	F4	
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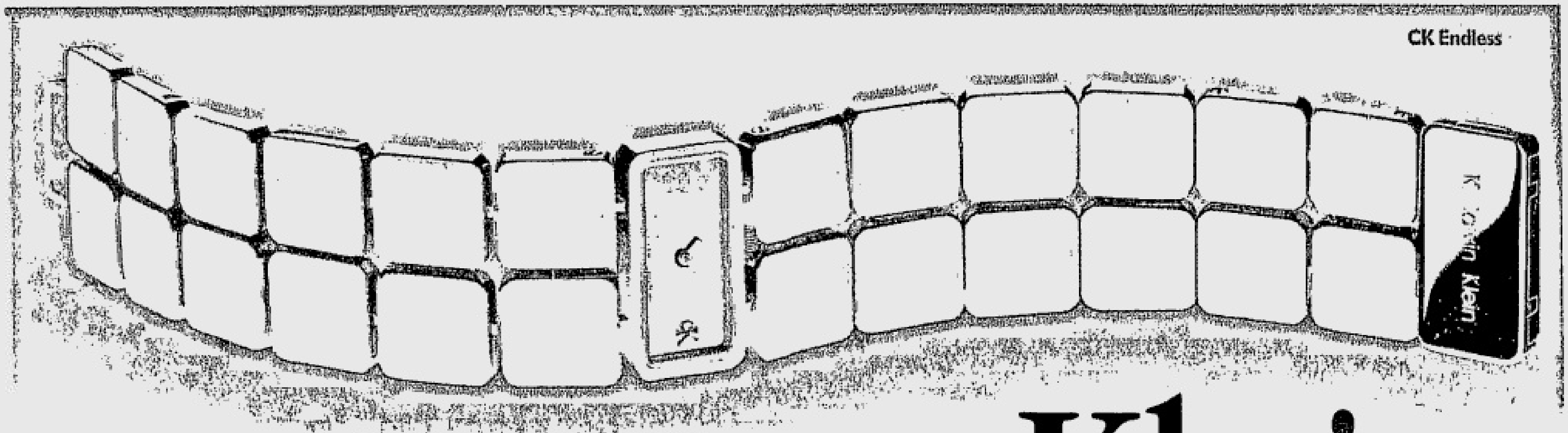

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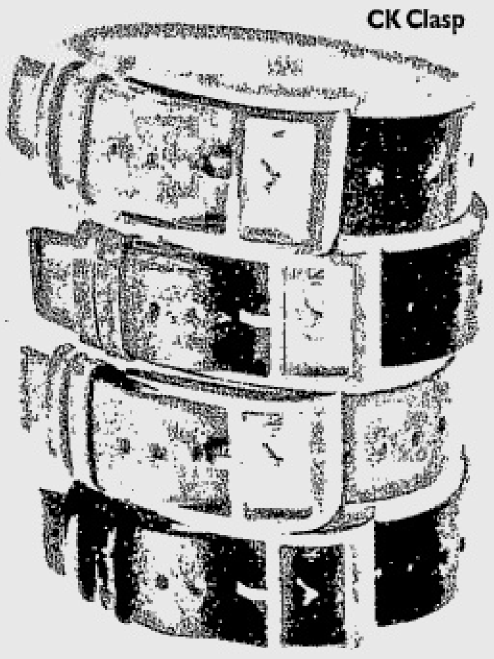

CK Clasp

Like their namesake's designs, the watches are clean, minimalist and modern

Time after Klein

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"It's a union of precision and design," said Chan. She also stressed that cK watches are made in Switzerland and not Japan like some of the brand's direct competitors.

"I'm not saying that Japanese-made watches aren't good," she said, "but when it comes to making watches and chocolate, Switzerland is still the best."

In 1997, Nicolas Hayek, president and chief executive officer of the Swatch group, was in search of a "fashion brand" to beef up and complement the company's different brands which included, among others, Omega, Rado, Longines and, of course, Swatch.

Hayek found what he was looking for in Klein's designs—clean, minimalist and modern. In short, his clothes (and underwear!) were so much like the watch Hayek had in mind.

Of course, Klein was the perfect choice since his designs were also popular among people Hayek wished to target—high-profile and brand-conscious fashionistas between 18 and 45.

To cut a long story short, Klein liked the idea. Less than two months into 1997, the two men finally signed a deal allowing the Swatch group to use the designer's name in its new line of watches.

Swatch owns 95 percent of cK Watch Co. Ltd., a new outfit tasked to manufacture the watches. Beawmont Inc., through its Time Depot outlets, is the exclusive distributor of cK watches in the Philippines.

No direct hand

Oddly enough, Klein has no direct hand in designing the watches. In keeping with his directive, however, cK's team of designers has been coming up with a number of timepieces that are as fluid and versatile as today's fashion trends.

Joined together by several pairs of mirror-like square components, the stainless steel Endless, for example, doubles as a watch and a bracelet. The Daring, with a dangling sphere-shaped face that's half metal and half glass, comes with a leather string that can be worn as a necklace or, for those slim enough, even a belt.

A number of pieces, particularly those grouped under Minimal and Dress series, are also worth noting for their clean, crisp and unisex qualities.

Both series did away with bold dials and confusing, often-superfluous chronographs to come up with simple and understated designs. The round-shaped Minimal has a sleek steel bracelet, while the square-shaped Dress comes with a no-nonsense leather strap in several neutral shades.

"Because of their simplicity, the two [series] have managed to remain bestsellers ever since they were first introduced in 1997," said Chan.

But cK isn't without its share of attention-grabbing pieces. The Bold, as its name implies, has a big but round, classic face designed for men.

Diamonds are indeed a girl's best friend. Few women can probably resist cK's slim, rectangular design bordered with the precious stone.

Despite the hard times and the presence of numerous watch brands competing for Filipinos' hard-earned pesos, Chan is confident that cK watches will continue to do well in the country.

"It depends on how one positions a product," she said. "No time is a bad time for quality timepieces."

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IRIS Chan, vice president of the Swatch Group (Hong Kong) Ltd., with some of the country's top models

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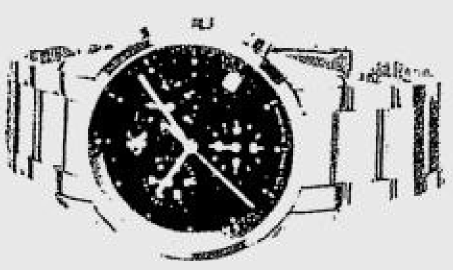

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Jackie Chan welcomes visitors to Hong Kong

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CATHAY Pacific Airways surprised visiting fans of international film star Jackie Chan by arranging for the martial arts expert to greet them upon arrival in Hong Kong.

Chan went aboard CX503 from Osaka and CX509 from Tokyo when the flights arrived. Inside the aircraft cabin he met and posed for photographs with about 180 delighted fans.

Arranged in conjunction with the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTB), Chan's welcome is part of Cathay Pacific's efforts to help rebuild the tourism industry in Hong Kong.

The airline is sponsoring some 8,000 plane tickets to allow HKTB to invite people from all over the world, particularly foreign media and trade industry representatives, to visit Hong Kong between now and early next year.

In addition, the airline has donated HK$2 million worth of air tickets as the grand prize in HKTB's Hong Kong Super Draw, which runs Aug. 1-Sept. 30. Any Hong Kong resident or visitor can participate.

Cathay Pacific is supporting the Hong Kong Welcomes You Fair in five countries—the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia—and will further promote Hong Kong in these areas. It also sponsored air tickets for members of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts that will be performing in those places.

The airline has restored 90 percent of its passenger services, and will operate a full schedule in September, enhanced with additional frequencies to London, Melbourne and Auckland.

For further information, contact Rhoda Capuno, assistant manager-marketing, at 7571313. The Cathay Pacific website is at www.cathaypacific.com.

Magazine tackles women empowerment

ME Magazine looks into the issue of women's self-esteem.

The latest issue asks every woman to rate her self-esteem and urges her to take control of her life.

Editor in chief Cathy Babao-Guballa writes about signs of verbal abuse in "When Words Hurt" and gives a checklist so you can find out if you are a victim.

Mother-teacher-writer Michelle Goco, 50, writes "Turning Golden" and recommends a reading list to empower and revive dwindling self-esteem.

In "Finding Pops," Guballa will reveal how the concert queen is eager to move on.

Leah Eriguel proves and debunks at the same time the theory that a boy becomes his "old man" in "Boys Growing Up" based on an interview with Parañaque Mayor Joey Marquez

"Touch Me Not" by Andrea Trinidad-Echavez tackles the travails of those who were sexually harassed and provides pointers on how to cope with the problem.

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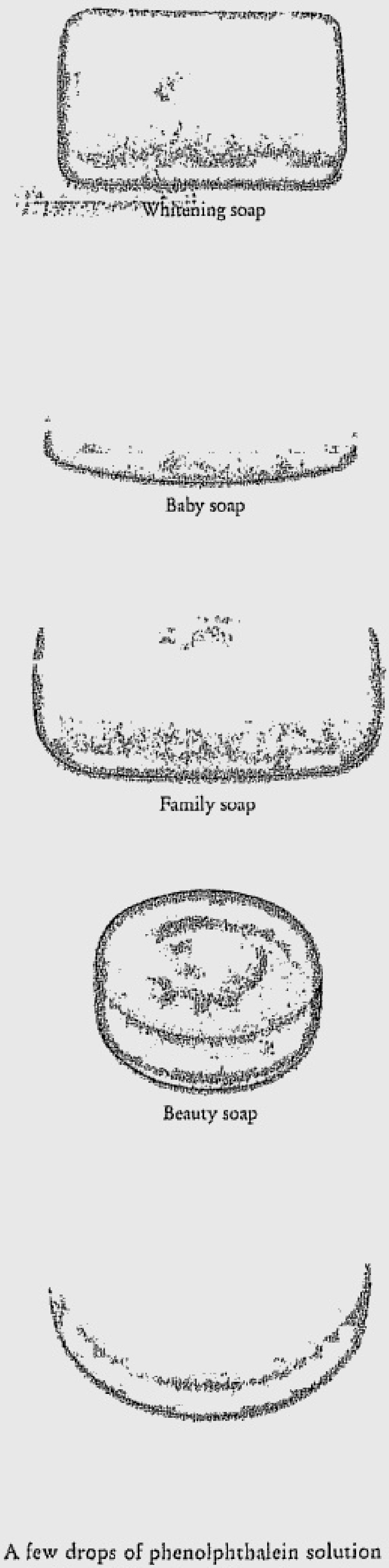

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'Gayon Bicol Fiesta' reenacts 'traslacion' of Our Lady of Peñafrancia

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THE BEAUTIFUL tradition of the "traslacion" in Naga will be reenacted in Intramuros on Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. after the Holy Mass in Plaza San Ignacio.

This is the highlight of the "Gayon Bicol Fiesta sa Intramuros," which features the different festivals of the various provinces in Region 5 from Sept. 3-15.

The "traslacion" moves the image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia from the Basilica to the Naga Cathedral, where the nine-day novena starts for the fiesta of Our Lady. It begins on the second Friday (Sept. 12) and ends on the third Saturday when the Virgin is moved through a fluvial procession back to the Basilica (Sept. 20).

The *voyadores* who carry the Virgin on her *andas* will come to Manila for the Sept. 7 festival, which will begin from Plaza Ignacio to the Manila Cathedral.

The participation of Region 5 in "Wow Philippines" start on Sept. 3 with the opening of the cultural market and regional exhibits at 10 a.m. at Casa Tagala.

But the formal opening will take place at 4 p.m. at the Clamshell Tent, followed by a parade of the Ibalong Festival, Ligao Sunflower Festival and Tabak Festival. A ceremonial lighting of the giant Mayon volcano replica will be held at 6 p.m. at Plaza San Ignacio.

A cultural presentation featuring, among others, the Sarung Bangui Cultural Group and the Tingog KanTiwi Chorale will follow.

'Padadyaw sa Tinampo'

Catanduanes calls its fiesta "Padadyaw sa Tinampo," and this will be held on Sept. 4, also in Intramuros.

"Padadyaw" means "celebration of one's roots". Thus, the province will present its Catandunganon folk songs and dances. The Hablon Dawani Theater Group from Virac will perform with the special participation of Carmen Camacho, "Ang Reyna ng Kundiman," who is from San Andres, Catanduanes.

Gov. Leandro Verceles is sponsoring the various activities that include street dancing, a trade fair, craft demonstrations like "lasa" broom-making, food samplings and a photo exhibit showcasing the province's tourist destinations.

The miraculous image of Nuestra Senora de Dolorosa in Batong Paluay, San Andres, will be enthroned in the exhibit area.

(Carmel Bonifacio, tourism officer, sent us this info.)

Parade of floats

On Sept. 5 at 4 p.m., Bicol will present a grand parade of floats and people in costumes dancing in the streets. Participating are the LRV band, Rodeo Masbateno, Tinagba Festival, the Butanding float, Sunflower Festival, Cimarones Festival, Pinyasan Festival, Tabak Festival, Pili Festival, Mariners Band, Baybayon Festival float, Ibalong Festival and Bikol Pastores Festival. Hosting the event is Boots Anson Roa.

The exhibit will be up until Sept. 15.

Gift for Sorsogon clergy

Fr. Dennis Legaspi was ordained to the priesthood on Aug. 25, 1993 in Sorsogon. Barge Ramos and I were there to be part of this solemn moment.

Ten years later, Father Dennis is ready to mark the 10th year of his priesthood by offering to the Sorsogon House of the Elderly Clergy a contribution given by his friends in Ottawa, Canada, where he served as parish priest for some years, and in California, where he is serving as a chaplain in a hospital.

Today, Father Dennis is celebrating his anniversary Mass at St. Bridget's Church in Ottawa, then will fly back to California for another anniversary Mass.

Father Dennis will also produce a souvenir program of his 10th anniversary to pay tribute to the people who have touched his life in the many places where he has worked as a priest. Edwin Acuna will assist him.

This good priest has also touched my life. He is a constant inspiration to continue what I am doing now. He has also become like a brother to me and to Barge.

Cebu Rosary Center to be blessed

A dream comes true for Edna Ouano Toral when the Our Lady of Manaoag Rosary Center is blessed by Cardinal Vidal on Sept. 8, 10 a.m., at Barrio Corte, Carmen in Cebu.

How it was finished considering very limited funds was truly a miracle. Edna cannot explain it, except to say that God provided because Mama Mary wanted it done.

Twenty huge paintings of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary will hang inside the center, which was built on land donated by the Benedictines of St. Sylvester. The Benedictine monks themselves, headed by Father Thomas, will take care of the center.

The St. Benedict Chapel stands above the land where the Rosary Center was constructed.

Fr. Patricio Apa, prior and parish priest of Our Lady of Manaoag in Pangasinan, also gave financial help.

As Fr. Thomas says, "The Center is projected not only as a museum of great artistic and religious importance, but also a great source of spiritual strength for the whole Catholic Church and the whole world because of the incessant recitation of the Holy Rosary therein."

"The fact that this Rosary Center is situated in a panoramic natural background, close to the monastery of the Benedictine monks engaged in prayer and work adds immense spiritual significance and beauty to it," he adds.

The devotion to Our Lady of Manaoag continues to be propagated in Cebu and Leyte with the enthronement of the image of Our Lady in 21 churches. The Rosary Center is a culminating factor in this devotion.

40 days of celebration

Msgr. Augusto Laban, parish priest of the National Shrine of St. Michael and the Archangels in San Miguel, Manila, launched the celebration of the 400th anniversary of the church last Aug. 19, his birthday.

A Marian exhibit is one of the highlights of the celebration. Included in the exhibit are old books recording the names of the priests who served in the church since the 1600s, and the old confessional box used by the Franciscans since 1808.

The featured Marian images include Our Lady of Guimaras, Our Lady of the Rosary (from Binondo parish), an ivory image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (owned by Raul Salvador) and a painting of the Madonna and Child by Fr. Arman Tangi, SSP.

In charge of the exhibit are Boy Olaguera, Gilbert Bugna, Lester Tantoco and Jose Uy II. Novena Masses will begin on Sept. 26, and fiesta is on October 5.

Poor Clares need help

The Poor Clares Monastery in Cabid-an, Sorsogon is very grateful to our readers for the donations of the images of St. Joseph, St. Francis and St. Clare through my column, according to Sister Elizabeth Penafrancia, OSC, the mother abbess.

She also wrote me asking for help in the cementing of the road leading to the monastery, to prevent any untoward accidents.

Right now the road is rocky and bumpy, endangering vehicles passing along a cliff. The road is 520 meters long and the estimated construction cost is P783,905.93.

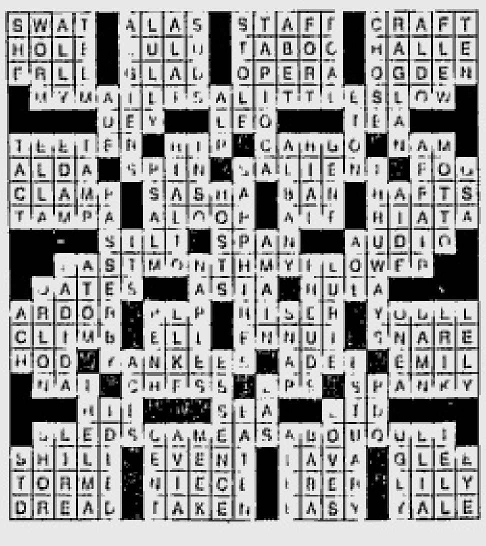
To help, please write Sister Elizabeth at Poor Clares Monastery at Bari-is, Cabid-an, Sorsogon City 4700, or write to P.O. Box 11, Sorsogon City. Please make checks payable to the monastery.

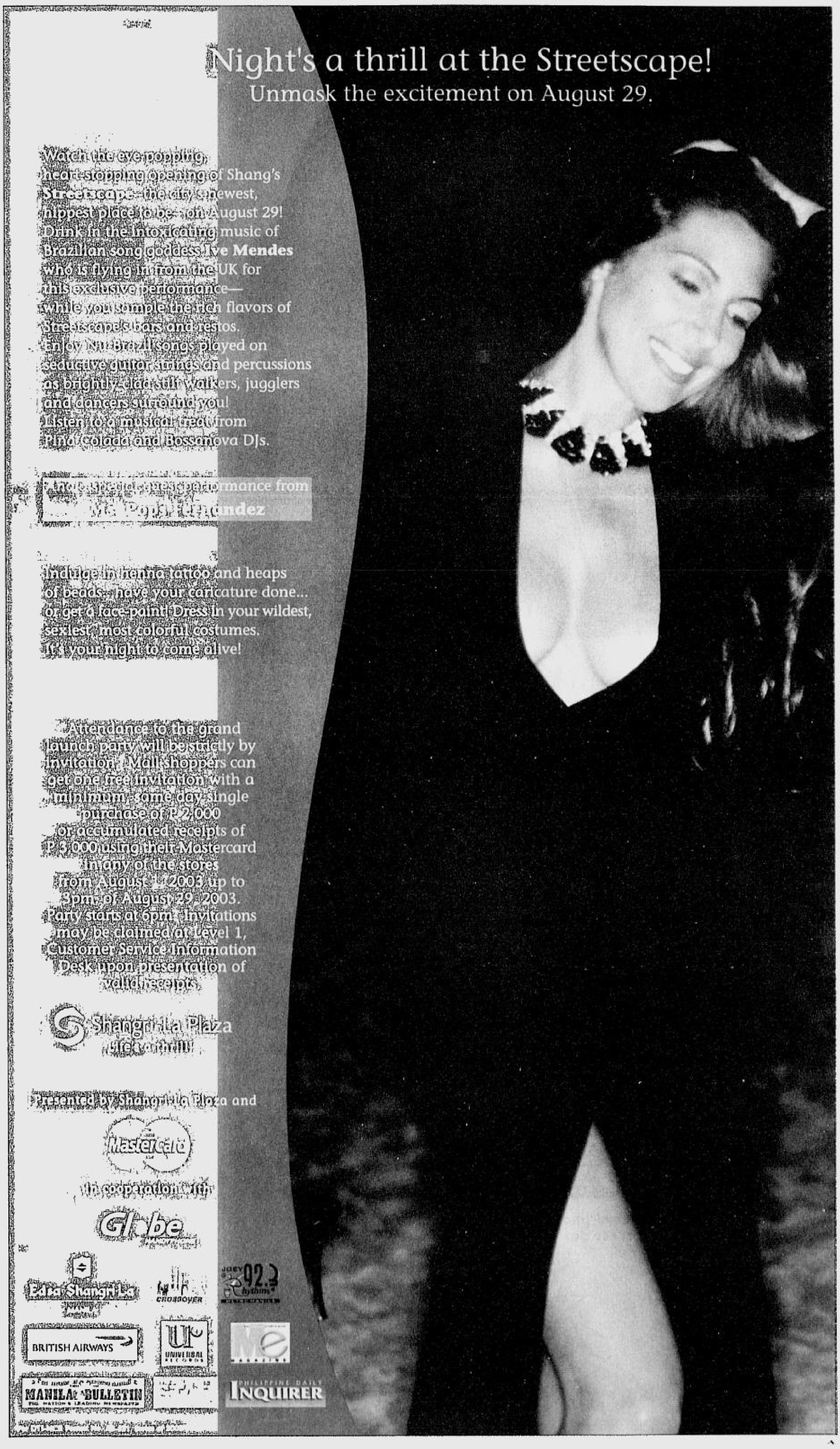
Free concert for Cardinal Sin

The UP Madrigal Singers will give a free concert for Cardinal Sin's 75th birthday on Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Manila Cathedral. Other groups will also sing in tribute to the cardinal.

> The 'traslacion' is the transfer of the image of Our Lady from the Basilica to the Naga Cathedral

ANSWER TO SUNDAY CROSSWORD

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PERUVIAN Ambassador Jorge Chavez Soto

DIPLOMATIC SWIRL

By Amiga

PERUVIAN Ambassador **Jorge Chavez Soto** hosted recently a "fiesta Peruana" at The Podium with an exhibit of pre-Columbian art, colonial religious oil paintings and Peruvian music. Joining him at the ribbon-cutting was Venezuelan Ambassador **Milena Ramirez.**

Titled "A Glimpse of Peruvian Art: An Exhibition of Pre-Inca Artifacts and Colonial Religious Paintings", the exhibit was accompanied by music composed by Peruvian artists **Alfonso de Silva** and **Armando Guevarra Ochoa.**

Given the wonderful exhibit, it was sad to hear that the Embassy of Peru will be closed soon for austerity reasons, although the scuttlebutt is that despite Peru's having an embassy here for many years, we haven't reciprocated. Hopefully the embassy's closure will only be a temporary situation.

We also regret that some of the guests at the exhibit found their conversation at the back beside the bar more entertaining than the programmed musical numbers. To say that they were obnoxious is putting mildly.

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It's a wonder more of the ladies weren't complaining about weight gain with all the luncheons, dinners and receptions tendered for popular Swedish Ambassador **Ulf** and Mme. **Lena Hakansson.**

One of these luncheons was hosted by **Letty Syquia** and **Helen Ong,** with a teary-eyed Lena recounting the special place Filipinos have in their hearts for the envoy and all her pleasant memories of the Philippines.

Milly Reyes of Plaza did a splendid job with her caviar and salmon mousse as well as the always dependable roast beef. Rumors have it that the new Swedish envoy will be a lady to add to our roster of lady ambassadors. As they say, we are a matriarchal country.

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MARILYN Collette, Canadian Ambassador Robert Collette, Marietta Goco and Amy Evaristo

Dubbed the new "Hostess with the Mostest", **Mellie Ablaza** gave a dinner dance to celebrate her husband **Louie's** birthday at the Polo Club, complete with a *mariachi* band to greet the guests, the Blanquitos—another Latin band—to serenade them courtesy of Mang **Ben Farrales,** that other party animal who goes home at 10 p.m. (to be fair, he stayed an hour over his usual exit time), and Sabor Latino for them to dance to.

Melly had two costume changes, both of course by the master himself, Mang Ben. One was a Latin-inspired gown for the first part to complement the party theme, and the other an elegant red lace formal.

There were some 20 DIs to get the guests to the dance floor and do sambas, rhumbas and cha-chas.

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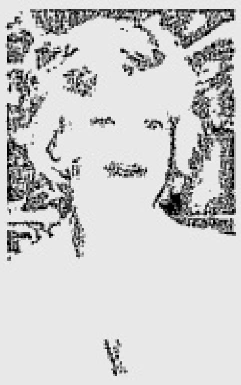
Canadian Ambassador **Robert** and wife Mme. **Marilyn Collette** were feted at a reception at the Palm Grove, Rockwell Club recently.

Hosts were former ambassador **Raul** and **Marietta Goco,** and **Frank Evaristo** and his daughter **Amy.**

Donna Marquinez sang Canada's national anthem to the guests that included French Ambassador **Renee Veyret,** Swiss Ambassador **Lise Favre,** Malaysian Ambassador **Noor Taufik,** French embassy consul **Pierre Coquillant,** Thai Ambassador **Busba Bunnag,** Brunei Ambassador **Maimunah Elias,** Jamaican honorary consul **Mike Guerrero, Beth Day Romulo, Max Soliven, Josie Lichauco,** INQUIRER chair **Marixi Prieto,** INQUIRER publisher **Isagani Yambot** and all kinds of distinguished friends from the diplomatic corps as well as from the business world.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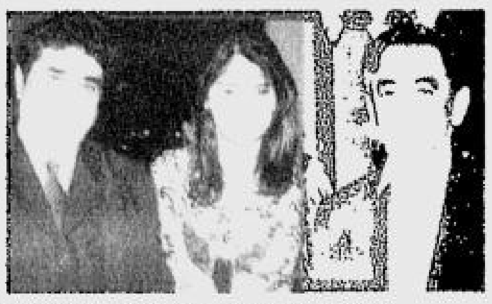
HOSTS Mellie Ablaza, Letty Syquia and Helen Ong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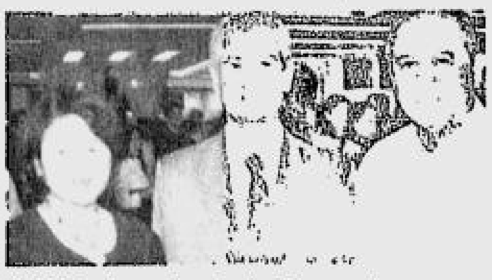
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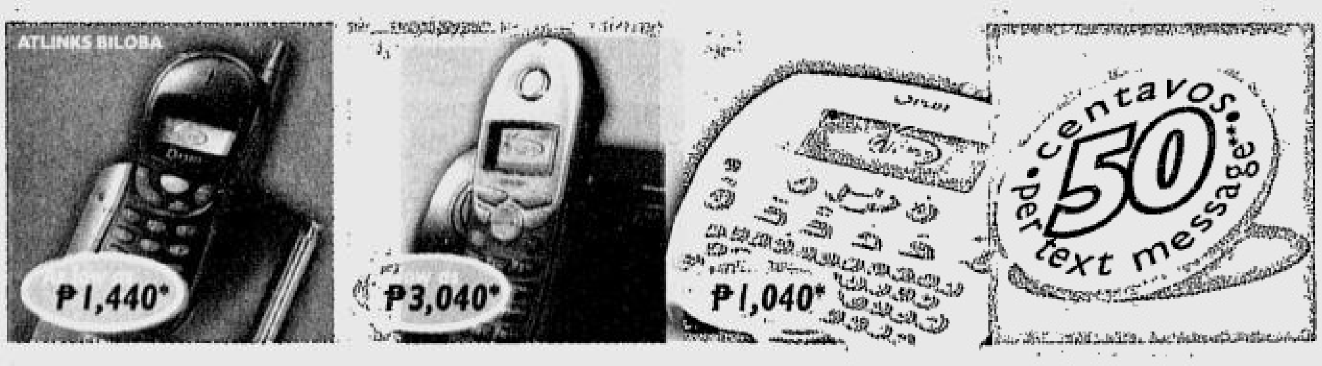

PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
Sunday LifeStyle

TITA Cory back in her signature color

MORNING Girls in bright yellow, Korina Sanchez and Kris Aquino

The 'Game K N B' host is always game for shopping, and that's the pure anatomy of why we click

SISTERS supporting Aquino. Nenita Banzon, Sister Luz of Assumption College, Pilar Garcia and Tessie Villonco

Luv ko si Kris—Cory, Ninoy and Gary, too

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

WAY before she became a household name because of her show "Game K N B?," **Kris Aquino** and I had been *closlguecoe* because I did the interiors of her flat which she was at that time sharing with **Philip Salvador**, father of her eight-year-old son, **Josh**. The funny story is that we worked on that project for nine months, and after all that, they parted ways seven months later. Good thing she got the treadmill, though I would have also asked for the huge TV.

This month's issue of the Philippine Tatler has Kris on the cover. She has broken their unwritten policy that no show biz personalities grace the cover of the magazine. But Asian Tatler publisher Dr. **Mohindar** chanced upon Kris' New York Times article and asked Tatler editor Anton San Diego to get her on the cover. Now I am complaining to my good friend Anton that Kris got to have all these gorgeous men around her for her cover shoot, while all I got were Christmas balls and a dove! But I was ecstatic to be their December 2002 cover girl anyway.

Kris is closer in age to my youngest brother, **Paolo** (who has resisted all my efforts at setting them up together), but former President **Cory Aquino** says Kris and I are on the same wavelength. We actually have the same loud, fun taste and vice, which, unfortunately, is shopping, shopping and shopping. Let's just say we realized early on that money is worth spending. Lately though, both of us have been talking about insurance, placements and investments. At least, we are evolving, too, and always for the better.

Last Aug. 20, Kris organized a musical tribute to her father, **Ninoy Aquino**,during the launch of the People Power People Movement to commemorate his 20th death anniversary. Kris got all her close show biz friends to donate their time and talent to the event, among them Oggie Alcasid, Carol Banawa, Jamie Rivera, Dessa, Robert Seña, the Apo Hiking Society and funny lady **Ai-Ai de las Alas**.

When it the time comes for my Assumption batch's charity event on Oct. 9 at Dish, I will ask Kris for help because she did a terrific job that afternoon at the NBC Tent at The Fort. **Boy Abunda** and **Korina Sanchez** did a fine job of hosting alongside Kris.

Though yellow was, of course, the preferred if not *de rigueur* color, I came in multicolored beaded pants by **Rajo Laurel** and a pink top. I also wore a wide-brimmed hat because I didn't have time to fix my hair since I was at The Farm in San Benito, Lipa, Batangas, earlier that afternoon.

Speaking of yellow, Tita Cory had the superb accessory to her yellow ensemble—a new, gold Swatch Skin. Perfect for her no-nonsense personality.

It's nice to see Kris so happy

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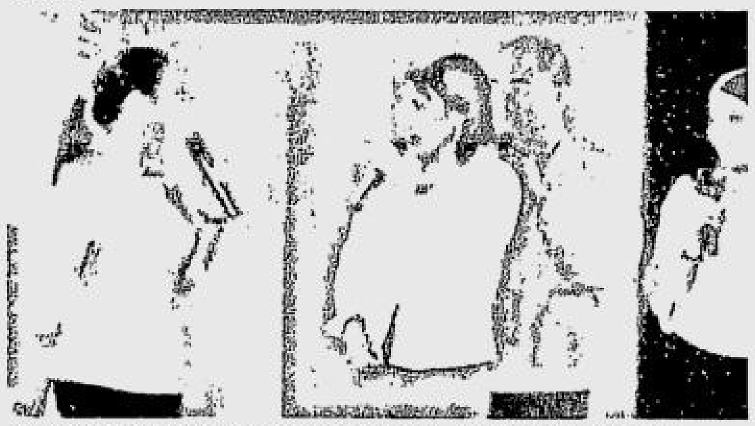
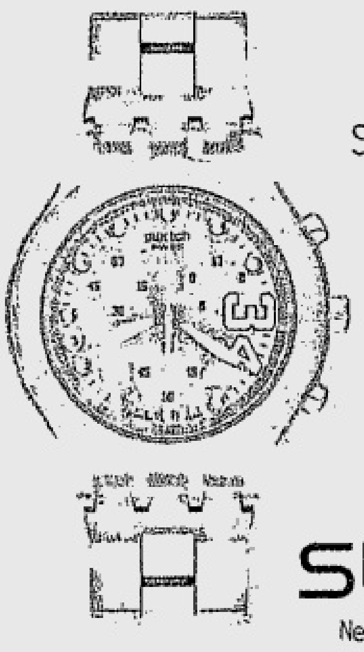
CORY Aquino and Manny Pangilinan

CHING Montinola and Mercy Tuason



ENTERTAINMENT, Aquino style. Korina, Ai-Ai de las Alas, Boy Abunda and Kris

JUSTICE Flerida Ruth Romero, National Book Store's Socorro Ramos, Lovely Romulo and Gift Gate's Virgie Ramos



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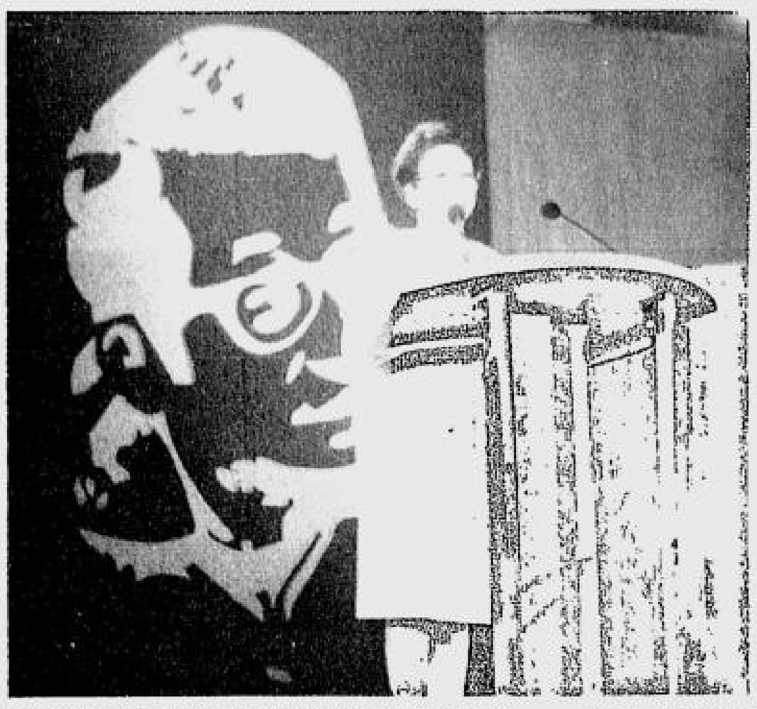
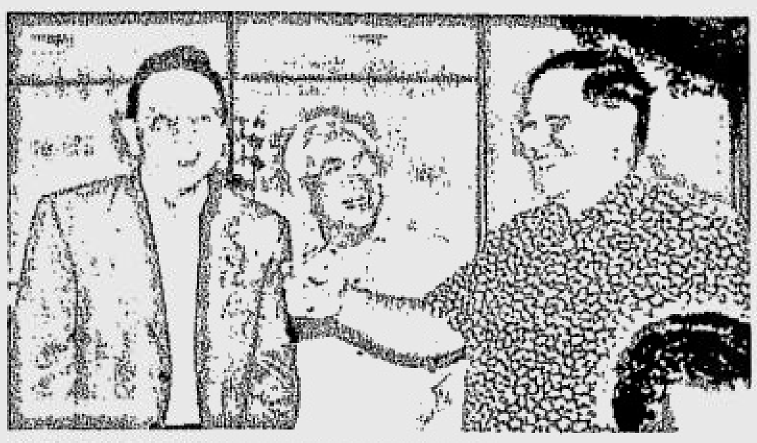


NINOY Aquino lives! Cory Aquino at NBC Tent JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

SEA Princess with Kris' true love, Josh Aquino



JOSE Pardo, Menardo Jimenez and Raul Roco

JIGGY Cruz with Kris' older sister, Ballsy A. Cruz

Luv ko si Kris—Cory . . .

BROTHERLY love. Noynoy Aquino

DR. Alran Bengzon

JOSEPHINE Reyes, Cory's *ate*

PASSY Teopaco, Cory's younger sis

GARY'S angel, Angeli Pangilinan Valenciano

GARY'S good buddy Martin Nievera

TABANG Mindanaw awardees with Cory, Noynoy and INQUIRER president Sandy P. Romualdez JIM GUIAO PUNZALAN

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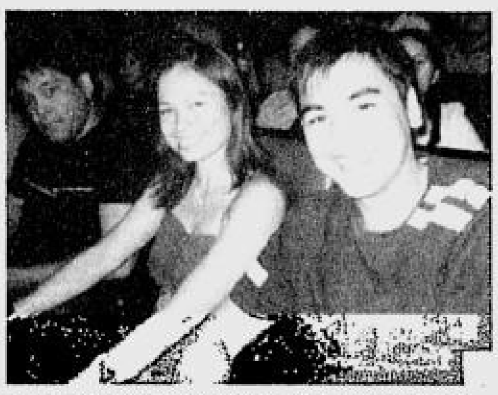
A STAR with a star. Sea Princess with Gary Valenciano



AUDIENCE participation. Martin, Cutie del Mar and JM Rodriguez

ENJOYING the show. Martin's sister Gina Godinez and Ces Yabut

ANONYMOUS guests. Tina and Ricco Ocampo with daughters Celina and Bettina, with friend Alex Case

TALENT all over. Gary V with Kyla

From page G1

now with her career and the other aspects of her life. Of course, her controversial love life is part of the whole spectrum, but she has learned to deal with it and is rapidly moving forward.

Back to the '80s

Late last year, I was part of the Anonymous campaign together with some not so "Anonymous" celebrities. One of them was the high-energy performer **Gary Valenciano.** Although he has been the singer to watch since I was growing up, especially because I am a big **Michael Jackson** fan (despite the evolving nose and face, which now makes him look like **Janet** more than Janet herself), strangely, I had never seen Gary V perform until last weekend.

On the invitation of **Ricco** and **Tina Ocampo**, a group of friends and I went to see Gary V's 20th Anniversary concert series at the Music Museum in Greenhills. I actually expected a "Praise the Lord" repertoire, which I wouldn't mind since gospel music is quite enlightening. But, the show was just a little of that and much, much more.

In fact, it was an unbelievable show! I was on my feet dancing and "shouting for joy" from start to finish. I could really relate to Gary V's 20 years in the business since we are about the same age. In short, the '80s rule! We went through the same songs in college and beyond.

As I gobbled up my Starbucks drink in the lobby, I could tell I was about to get a caffeine rush. Too late, we realized that Music Museum doesn't allow food and drinks from outside inside. Meaning, we could eat and drink but only the stuff we ordered from them.

Once we were hurriedly caffeinated, rushing in was no problem. Just in time, because Gary was already in full dance mode. He was jamming with the Ugoy-ugoy Band and later sang with this hot new artist, **Kyla**. She has a voice beyond words. Secret shower singers like us appreciate incredible voices that can reach several octaves, such as what this petite, hip singer demonstrated. Why couldn't I have been blessed like her since we have the same frame? Even the **Mariah Carey** song she chose was one of the more difficult ones, according to Tatler editor **Anton San Diego**, since hitting those high notes were a challenge.

But it was Gary V's son **Gabriel** who stole the show. Just like his father, he has rhythm in his blood. It must be the Latin beat, straight from his grandma, **Grimilda Santiago Ortiz**, who was there that evening. Both were grooving to the classic Gary V moves and they brought the house down.

But the original still tops my list because even with the age gap, Gary's pure, livewire energy enables him to sing and dance at the same time. I admit, I am an awesome dancer and I can groove to any beat, but once I open my mouth, it starts to rain, with thunder and lightning even.

Martin Nievera was there that evening and did an audience participation thing, which was hilarious. Although a movie scriptwriter might cast them as rival singers, in reality, both are good buddies, not wishing each other evil thoughts. But without any doubt, these two are the finest performers in the country today.

I danced so much that I practically did my daily workout that evening. That Caramel Jelly coffee drink, recommended by soon-to-be cycling buddy **Rina Teopaco**, really hit the spot. I felt like the Energizer bunny and I danced even to the slow songs. Gary's proud and ever-supportive wife, **Angeli**, was just amused that I didn't care if the people behind me couldn't see the show. But toward the end, even designer of the stars Rajo Laurel got up and danced with me. But then again, he might have just been wanting to see past me.

After congratulating Gary after the show, we headed out. Greenhills is like the Greenbelt 3 to the folks of that area, except the rents are lower. My long blonde wig and cowgirl outfit stuck out like like a sore thumb amid the Chinoise-chic crowd. I felt like I was in Hong Kong, **Tim Yap** territory with a lot of the F4 look. Too bad the shops were already closed. There's nothing like the Greenhills *tiangge*.

Red-letter day

On another form of stargazing, the Red Planet Mars will never be so spectacular. This month, Earth and Mars align in the closest approach between the two planets in recorded history. The next time may be in year 2287, and not even **Dorian Gray** can live that long.

To get even more into the stats, the encounter will culminate on Aug. 27 when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles and will be next to the moon, the brightest object in the night sky.

The Red Planet was already so brilliant when I was looking at it earlier this month while walking after dinner on Boracay's world-famous beach. My yoga friends and I were mesmerized with the God of War's hypnotizing red glow. And to think that was before we even had a couple of drinks at Cocomangas.

Check out the planet with your kids. Treasure those Kodak moments because they grow up so fast. As I send off my son, **Bryan**, to college, I realize time just passes you by. We invited family and friends to a special screening of the excellent movie "Italian Job" at the old Louie's Cinema. Thanks to **Philip Chua**, who now runs it as Premiere THX Cinema, we were able to see a great flick even if the theater was under renovation. Louie's was a pioneer in upgrading the local cinema industry, offering features that are commonplace in today's new theaters, such as THX-certified digital surround sound and preferred seating. But to this day, I can say that none of the newfangled new but smaller theaters sound as good as Premiere THX Cinema.

With all the local show-biz stars and stargazing and cinema watching, it's been a busy but fun social week. So all I can say is, if you want to have as much energy as I do, go and catch Gary V while you can.

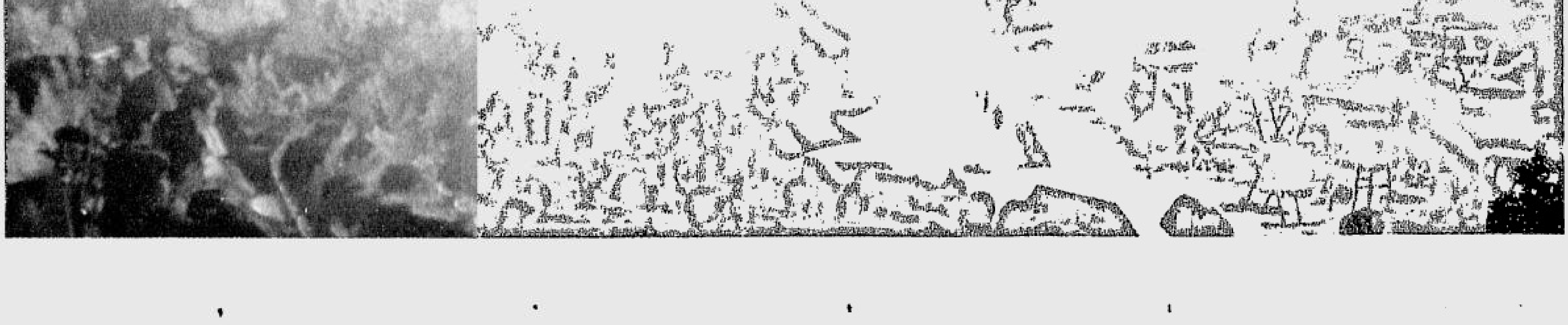
E-mail me at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph.

RINA Teopaco and Maritess Lopez

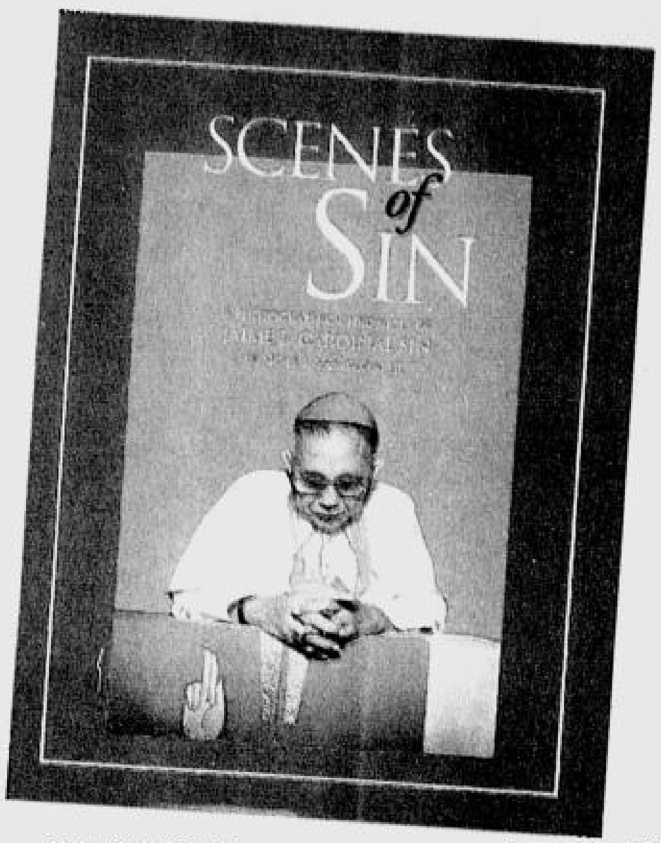
CESAR Buenaventura and Jose Pardo

DANCING partners Rajo Laurel and Rina Teopaco

LATINA beauties. Gary's sister Gina Martinez and mom Grimilda S. Ortiz



Catholic authors honor Sin, Aquino today



WAITING for a visitor at the Villa, Cardinal Sin sits alone under the watchful eye of the image of Our Lady of Fatima.

RECIPIENTS of the Catholic Authors Award in the past 13 years will honor Jaime L. Cardinal Sin, Archbishop of Manila, who conceived the award, at 5 p.m. today at the Archbishop's residence, Villa San Miguel, Mandaluyong City.

The special tribute, "Authors with Sin," is being held a week before the Cardinal's 75th birthday.

PHOTOGRAPHER-author Noli Yamsuan Jr.

The awardees, led by UST Faculty of Sacred Theology Dean Fr. Fausto Gomez, O.P., have called the prize the Lumen Christi Award in recognition of Cardinal Sin's written (and spoken) word and its impact on the Church in the Philippines and the Filipino people.

For the first time, the Catholic Authors Award will only have one honoree, former President Corazon C. Aquino, who is being recognized also for her written (and spoken) word and its impact on Philippine history.

During the awarding ceremonies, "Scenes of Sin" will also be launched. The coffee-table book is an updated pictorial chronicle by photographer Noli I. Yamsuan of the almost three decades of the Cardinal's life as archbishop of Manila. It is published by the Catholic Book Center.

Yamsuan has added a new chapter to the original book, which was released in 1999, to mark Sin's 25th year as archbishop of Manila.

Archbishop Angel Lagdameo of the Archdiocese of Jaro and Aquino will present the Lumen Christi Award to the Cardinal on behalf of the Catholic Authors Awardees.

The Cardinal will also receive the book "Sin in Word and in Deed," which contains selected writings on him by the Catholic Authors Awardees.

Fr. Carlo Magno Marcelo, a Catholic Authors Awardee and composer of the Jubilee Song and the theme song of the World Meeting of Families, will perform a song he composed for the honoree.

The Catholic Authors Award was established in 1989 by the Asian Catholic Publishers, Inc. on the initiative of Cardinal Sin to honor people who promote the values of the Gospel in their writing, compositions, and other creative works.

Archbishop Lagdameo will celebrate Mass at 4 p.m.

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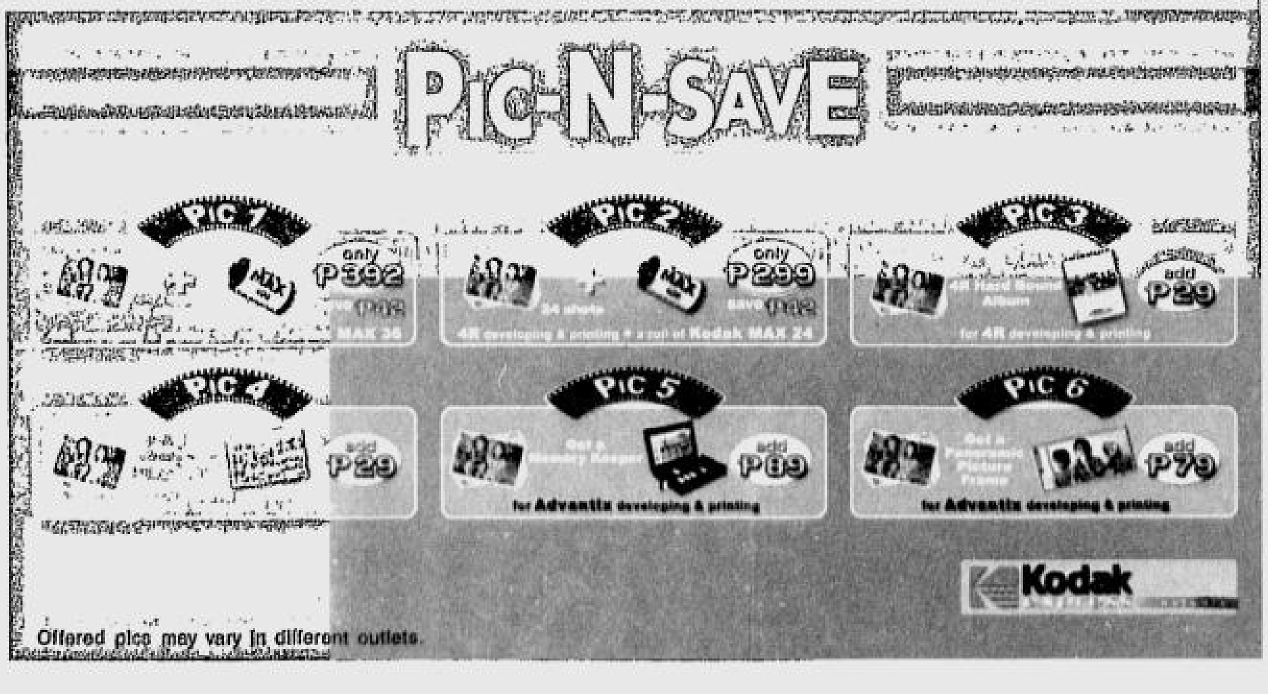
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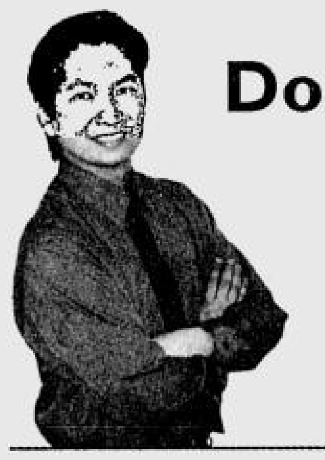

Do you have a sexual dysfunction?

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and the Clinic

Antonio C. Sison, MD

In order to understand illness, it is important to understand what's healthy and normal. A man or woman who has a healthy and normal Human Sexual Response Cycle undergoes all four phases, namely: desire, excitement, orgasm and resolution. Any sexual problem in any of the four phases of the Human Sexual Response Cycle is a sexual dysfunction.

One problem that occurs in the desire phase is Hypoactive Sexual Desire Disorder. A man or woman who has this problem simply does not have any desire to have sex ("walang gana") and this episode may continue indefinitely. Sexual Aversion Disorder, meanwhile, is the fear of any sexual contact.

Erectile Dysfunction in men and Female Arousal Disorder are problems in the excitement phase, where even if the desire or "gana" is present, the man is not able to get an erection while the woman does not feel any sexual excitement. Problems in the orgasm phase include Premature Ejaculation ("maagang nilabasan"), Inhibited Male Orgasm and Inhibited Female Orgasm. Post Coital Headache and Post Coital Dysphoria are problems in the resolution phase.

Since the basis of a healthy sex life is physical and psychological health, it is possible to have a good sex life even during the "golden" years. Studies show that an active sex life during the younger years predicts an active sex life in the older years. So use it or loose it.

The case of the Filipino couple with no "libog": Finding solutions

After undergoing the necessary laboratory work-ups, Mr. L accepted that he had several problems and one major problem was his erection. He also learned to overcome feeling "inutil" and, more importantly, the shame due to the sense of loss of his manhood.

Although he was unsure of how his wife would react, he badly wanted her to be with him. So he told her about his hypertension, his stress and his erection problem. Mr. L's wife was relieved. She had felt neglected by her husband and that he did not love her anymore and was having an affair. But now she felt reassured. And when told about the session with the psychiatrist, she was happy that their marital issues would finally be identified and addressed.

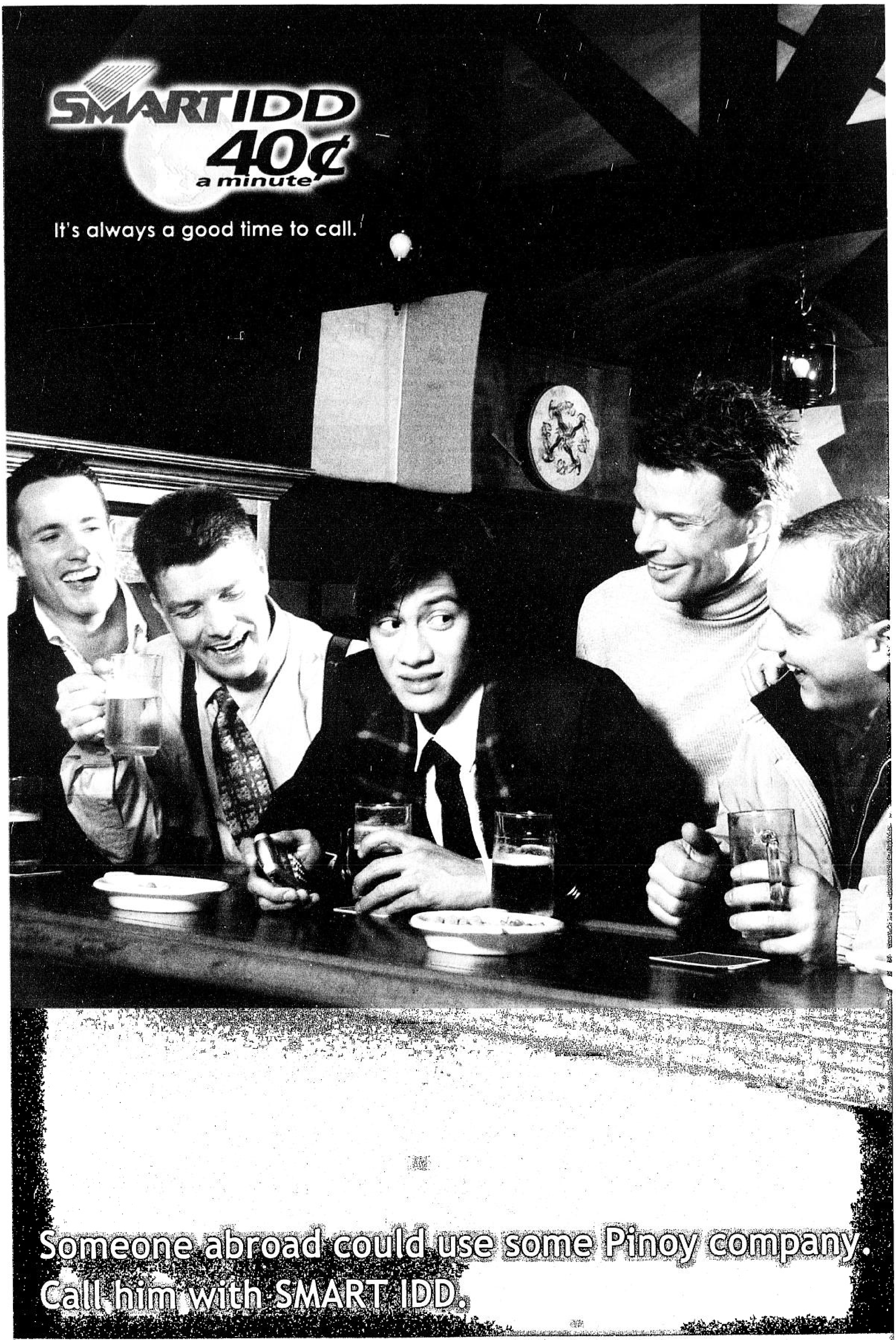
I referred Mr. L to a urologist, a specialist on problems involving the genitals and urinary tract. The urologist discussed the possible sources of his erection problems and the medications that could help Mr. L. He also explained to Mr. L the effects and side effects of the medications, as it is imperative to do so.

While addressing the medical problems, Mr. L continued his sessions with me. He learned how to recognize his feelings when he was tense and he was able to do some of the relaxation techniques I had taught him. He also vowed to take his medications regularly. Not long after, his blood pressure was controlled and he started to feel better, and he promised that he would go on a weight loss program.

With a medication for his erection problem and a couple of sessions addressing marital issues, he and his wife resumed sexual intercourse and felt that their love life had improved.

To know more about erectile dysfunction and the newest available treatment, consult your doctor or call 1-800-1-888-2436 (Mondays through Saturdays from 7am to 7pm, Sundays from 7am to 4pm). You may also send an email to cialishelpline@lilly.com or go to www.cialis.com.ph. Should you have comments, questions, suggestions or other issues you want to talk about, you can email them to cialishelpline@lilly.com.

Dr. Antonio C. Sison trained in Psychiatry at the UP-PGH and Psycho-Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He is a consultant at St. Luke's Medical Center, Medical City, Capitol Medical Center and Manila Doctors Hospital. He often lectures on sexuality issues relating to medical and psychiatric illness.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VILLAROMAN-ECLEO NUPTIALS

Joggers take their time marching to the altar

TITO and Jade Villaroman (née Ecleo)

By Donnie C. Ramirez
Contributor

LAWYER Tito Villaroman and congressional daughter Jade Ecleo met while jogging in Greenhills. After a whirlwind romance, they were married in civil rites by then San Juan Mayor Jinggoy Estrada in December 1999.

Last June 8, they reaffirmed their love for each other in simple but elegant rites at the Mary Queen Parish Church in San Juan.

Jade was a radiant June bride in a fully embroidered *piña* gown studded with Swarovski crystals, and yellow and green lace accents designed by noted bridal couturier Malu Veloso. Tito wore a *callado* barong tagalog by de-

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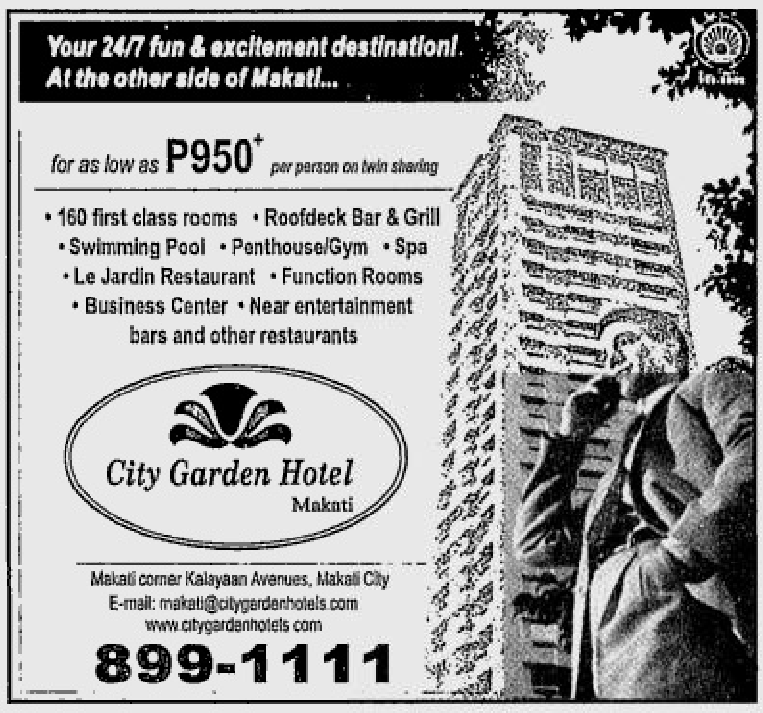

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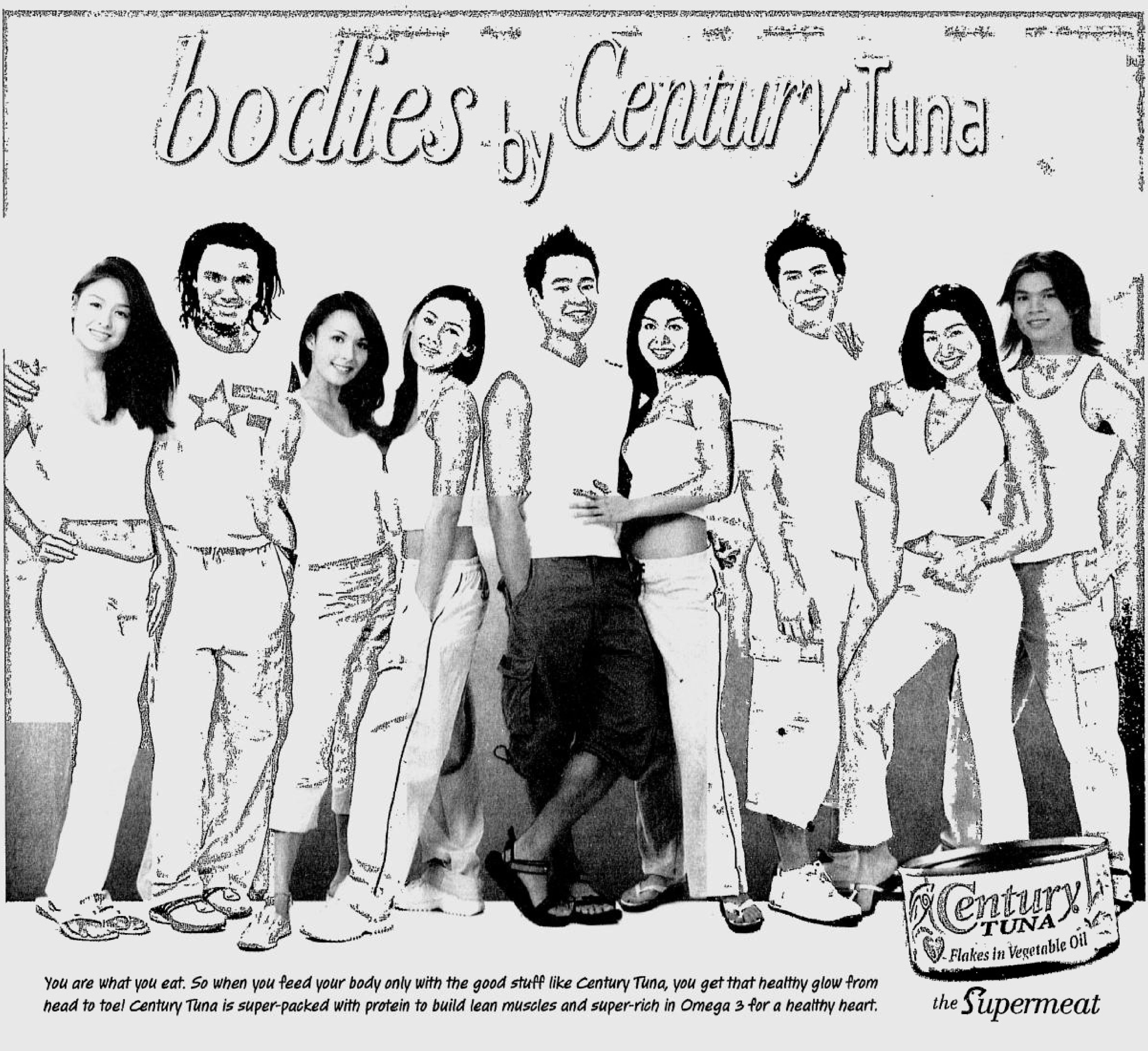

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TITO and Jade Villaroman with children Aga and Natasha

WITH (seated, from left) Linda del Rosario, Vic del Rosario, Jun Cruz, Bobby Salgado, Zeny Salgado, Matilde Belo and Rose Trillo (standing)

THE BRIDE (third from right) strikes a happy pose with brother Alan I and wife Liezl, nephew Julius, sister Gwen, mom Glenda, brother Benglen and uncle Rudy Buray. At the back is PBA player Terry Saldaña.

Joggers take their time . . .

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signer Boysie Villavicencio.

The bride is the daughter of Rep. Glenda Ecleo of the first district of Surigao and late Mayor Ruben Edera Ecleo, founder of the non-sectarian Philippine Benevolent Missionaries Association. Tito, a widower, is the son of Agapito Sr. and Rosario (née Perez) Villaroman, both deceased.

President Macapagal-Arroyo headed the 12 pairs of principal sponsors, which included Speaker Joe and Gina de Venecia, Sen. Robert Barbers, Rep. Cynthia Villar, Rep. Germinia Ramiro, Rep. Ronnie Zamora, Secretary Obet Pagdanganan, Gen. Hermogenes Ebdane, Mayor Amadeo Perez and Baby Magsaysay.

Secondary sponsors included Ana Marie Brillantes, the bride's brother Benglen and sisters-in-law Dulce and Liezl Ecleo, and lawyer Jovan Mata.

The wedding reception was held at the Isla Ballroom of the Edsa Shangri-La Plaza, which was decorated by Tony Rodriguez. Political friends of the bride's family, like Rep. Imee Marcos, attended.

Giving a family flavor to the event was the presence of the tightly knit Ecleo clan led by the bride's twin brothers, Mayor Alan I of Dinagat Island and Alan II of San Jose, Surigao, and the newlyweds' 12-year-old daughter Natasha and six-month-old son Aga.

WITH THE BRIDE'S mom Rep. Glenda Ecleo, President Macapagal-Arroyo and Sen. Robert Barbers

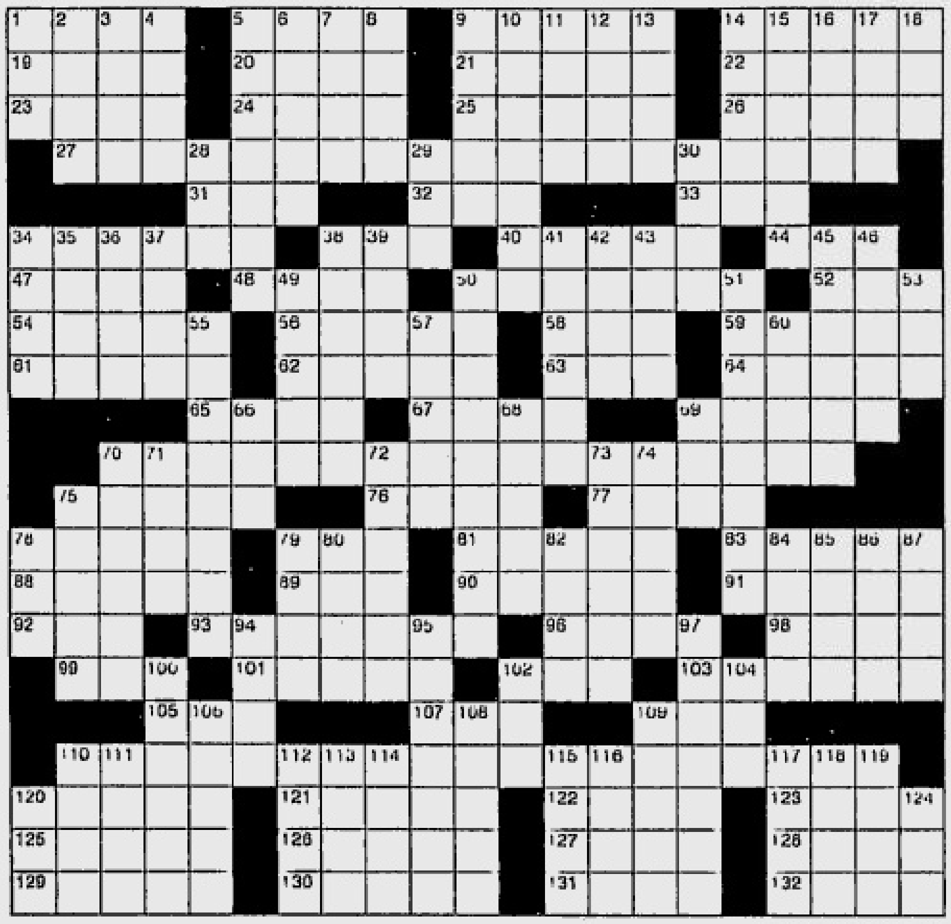
SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Donna J. Stone

LATE BLOOMERS

ACROSS
1 Nab a gnat
5 Rueful cry
9 Employees
14 Deceit
19 Dingy digs
20 Buell's "Little —"
21 "The Sweetest —" ('85 song)
22 Berry of "Bulworth"
23 Perry's creator
24 Big name in wrap
25 Meyerbeer masterpiece
26 Brash Nash
27 Start of a remark by Milton Berle
31 Susan of "L.A. Law"
32 Fire sign
33 Indian export
34 Wobble
38 Torn or Taylor
40 Semi stuff
44 "Platoon" setting
47 Swit co-star
48 Twirl
50 Conspicuous
52 Driving hazard
54 Carpentry device
56 Skater Cohen
58 Outlaw
59 Sword parts
61 Florida port
62 Knock for — (astonish)
63 Maugham's "Cakes and —"
64 Range rope
65 Bank deposit?
67 Cross
69 Part of a broadcast
70 Middle of remark
75 Hall's partner
76 "Noble House" continent
77 Actress Lenska
78 Passion
79 Featherweight Willie
81 Stair part
83 Tyrolean tune
88 Enjoy the jungle gym
89 Building wing
90 Boredom
91 Entangle
92 Mason's need
93 See 85 Down
96 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
98 Pianist Gilels
99 "Unforgettable" name
101 Spassky's game
102 45's big brothers
103 One of "The Little Rascals"
105 Hasten
107 Poseidon's domain
109 Inc., in England
110 End of remark
120 Promoter
121 Happening
122 Stromboli spew
123 High spirits
125 "The Christmas Song" composer
126 Reunion attendee
127 Celebrity hairstylist Jose
128 Mrs. Munster
129 Sheer fear
130 Spoken for
131 '77 Commodores hit
132 Bush's alma mater

DOWN
1 Cow or sow
2 Apt rhyme for squirm
3 Comrade
4 Abound (with)
5 African capital
6 "Alceste" composer
7 Jai —
8 Froth
9 Walked off with
10 Pudding thickener
11 Foster a felon
12 Laramie or Sumter
13 Stable youngster
14 Selected
15 Sleeve type
16 Ray or Gucci
17 Soared
18 Hamilton bill
28 Summer quencher
29 High peak
30 Schoolboy's jacket
34 Diplomacy
35 Actress Joyce
36 Cheeseboard choice
37 Pack down
38 California city
39 Not — many words
41 City on the Hudson
42 Tabriz currency
43 Singer Chandler
45 Black-tie gathering
46 Club creed
49 Sacred song
50 September birthstones
51 Limited-access roads
53 Youth org.
55 Onlooker
57 Throws a party
60 — -do-camp
66 "— Not Unusual" ('65 hit)
68 At full speed
69 Internet acronym
70 Pretentious
71 Energy source
72 Caruso's birthplace
73 Sigmund and Anna
74 Novelist Alison
75 Synthetic textile
78 Essen exclamation
79 Phnom —, Cambodia
80 Actress Sommer
82 Break suddenly
84 Recruit-to-be
85 With 93 Across, "Heart" musical
86 King or Palladino
87 Portrait painter Peter
94 The Four —
95 Sum and substance
97 Inlet
100 Houston or Ritter
102 — Cruces, NM
104 Bogus Bach?
106 Did nothing
108 Consumed
109 TV's "Everybody — Raymond"
110 Restaurateur Toots
111 Joyce's land
112 Penny
113 Saucony rival
114 Unassuming
115 Opposite of aweather
116 — ghanouj
117 Hard on the eyes
118 Director Kazan
119 "— Me Something Good" ('74 hit)
120 Part of EST
124 Hook's mate



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Her mayor-husband has a mistress

LIVE AND LET LIVE

Tita Dulce

DEAR Tita Dulce,

Five years ago, soon after we got married, my husband and I decided to live on our own in Manila. Financial needs later prompted my husband to go back to our province and join his family business there, while our daughter and I stayed in Manila and I kept my job.

We both prospered in our respective professions, and he was later elected to public office. We took turns visiting each other, and it was not an easy arrangement. Since I didn't feel fit to live the life of a politician's wife, so we decided we were better off this way.

Then, a year ago, I discovered he has a mistress. He denied it when I confronted him, so I let it go. But recently, I learned that they are still on, and this time he admitted it.

But even if his parents, siblings and I have pressured him to leave that woman, he said he could not do so immediately, since she would create a scandal to embarrass all of us. We believe him. She is separated from her husband and has kids from different men. I once called her up and she had the guts to talk back. Recently she has been harassing us and threatening us with scandal.

My husband said he has been avoiding her and that their relationship now is only superficial, but how can I believe him after he had lied to me? To protect their reputations, his parents and siblings seem satisfied with simply keeping things quiet, but how about the emotional turmoil I am going through?

MAYOR'S WIFE

Marital infidelity, of course, is not a monopoly of politicians. But the perks, influence and flexible schedules that politicians enjoy make them highly susceptible to infidelity.

That's no license for them to be unfaithful. Still, that's one of the risks a wife should take when she permits her husband to join politics.

Your husband, his parents and siblings may have a point in breaking his ties with that woman gently, as against drastically.

That approach favors you more than it favors them. Politics could be a very dirty game, and when his political foes pound on his immorality as an issue, that would hurt you and your children more than anyone in your husband's clan.

Much of your pain would come from the public's perception that just as your husband is unfit for public office, you on the other hand are "negligent" of your duties as a wife—and they could cite your "insistence" on living away from him as proof.

This does not mean that you should simply take things sitting down. For a start, you and your children could leave Manila and reside in the province with your husband. That would not only take a big sting out of the opinion that you have been neglecting your wifely duties to him; it would also compel your husband to comply with the image of a good family man.

And as, by necessity, he spends more of his time and resources with you, he would have less time and resources for his mistress. She could complain and make a scandal, of course, but since you would no longer be "neglecting" your husband and would only be enjoying what is rightfully yours and your children's, then the mistress would most probably succeed only in painting herself as the villain.

She's not likely to continue raising a scandal if it damages her more than it hurts anyone else.

Joining him in the province would mean giving up your career in Manila. I hope, though, you won't view that as a loss but as a shift to the more challenging and rewarding career of a wife.

Reaching the top of the corporate ladder is no reward if it is achieved at the price of a broken family. When a woman marries the man she loves and, as in your case, her pursuit of professional success threatens her marriage, then she should make her marriage her career.

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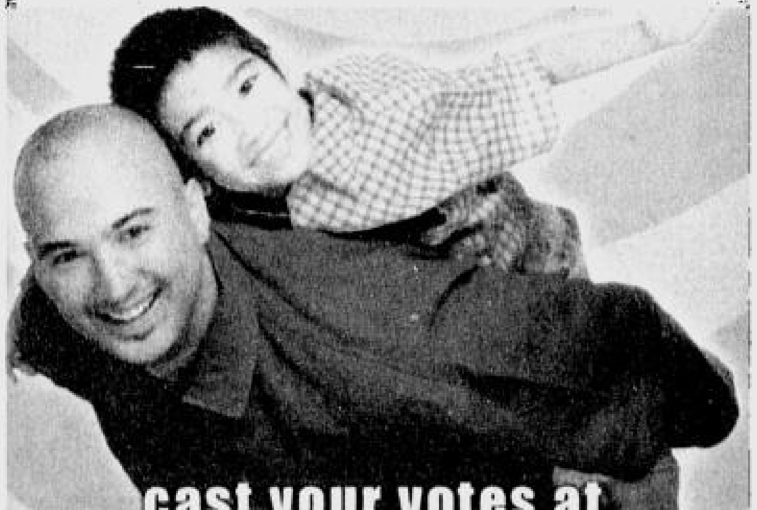

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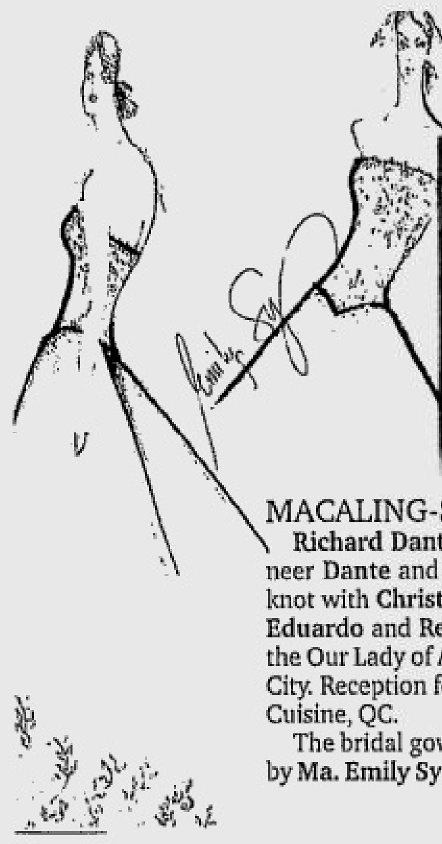
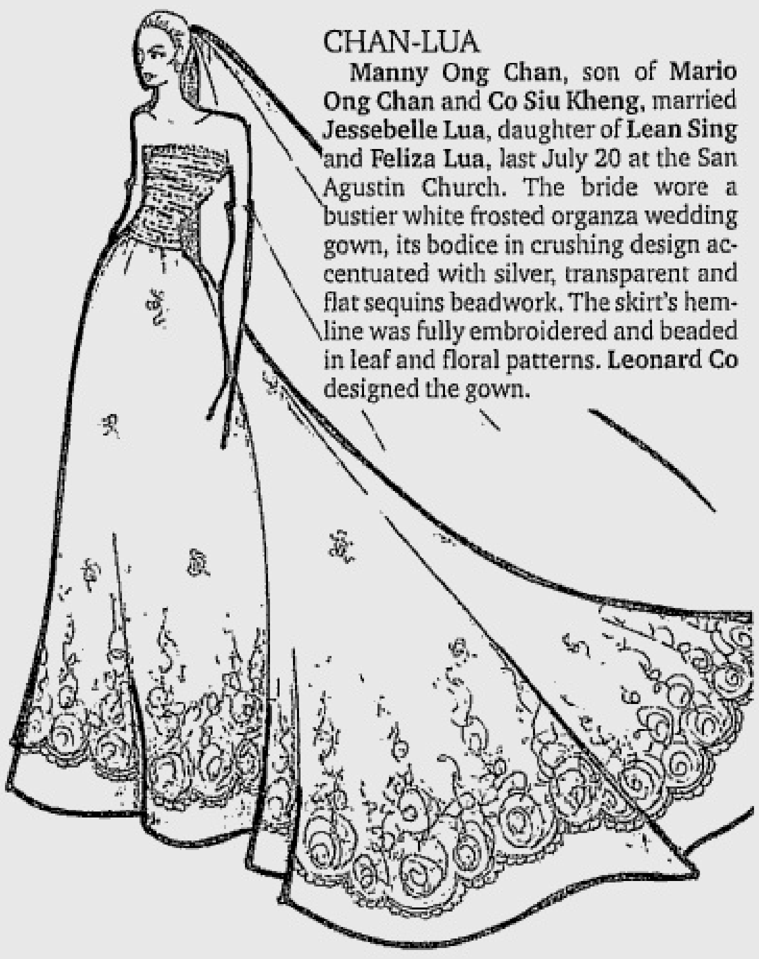


MACALING-STA. RITA

Richard Dante Macaling Jr., son of engineer **Dante** and **Emerita Macaling**, tied the knot with **Christine B. Sta. Rita**, daughter of **Eduardo** and **Remy Sta. Rita** last Aug. 23 at the Our Lady of Annunciation Parish, Quezon City. Reception followed at Shangri-La Finest Cuisine, QC.

The bridal gown was designed and created by **Ma. Emily Sy** of Esy Creation.



CHAN-LUA

Manny Ong Chan, son of **Mario Ong Chan** and **Co Siu Kheng**, married **Jessebelle Lua**, daughter of **Lean Sing** and **Feliza Lua**, last July 20 at the San Agustin Church. The bride wore a bustier white frosted organza wedding gown, its bodice in crushing design accentuated with silver, transparent and flat sequins beadwork. The skirt's hemline was fully embroidered and beaded in leaf and floral patterns. **Leonard Co** designed the gown.

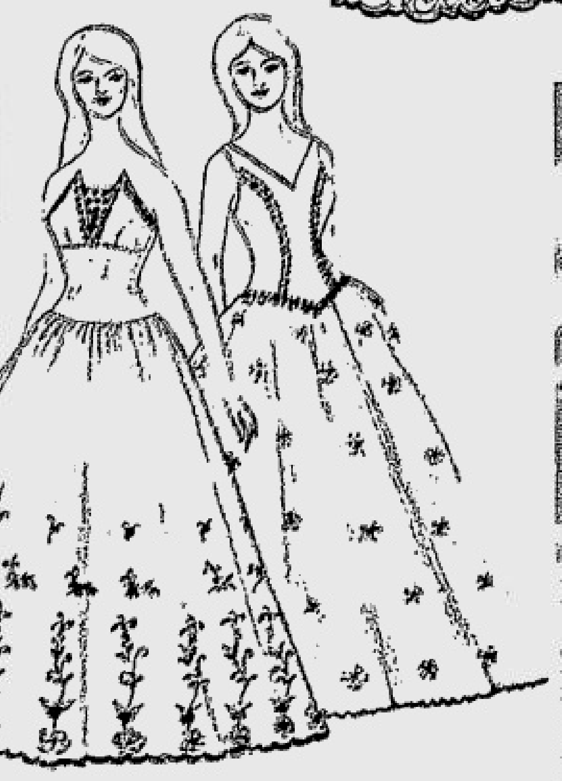
FORMOSO-RAMOS

Joey Monica Ramos, daughter of **Manolo** and **Wenie Ramos**, married **Patrick Anthony Formoso**, last Aug. 23 at the Santuario de San Antonio. Reception followed at The Peninsula Manila.

SALAZAR DEBUT

Ava Katrina Salazar, daughter of **Jessie** and **Glo Salazar**, celebrated her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance on Aug. 23 at the Grand Ballroom of Hotel Intercontinental Manila. The ballroom had a celestial motif designed by Kloe's Baloons. The debutante wore two gowns by **Clarita** of Renlys.

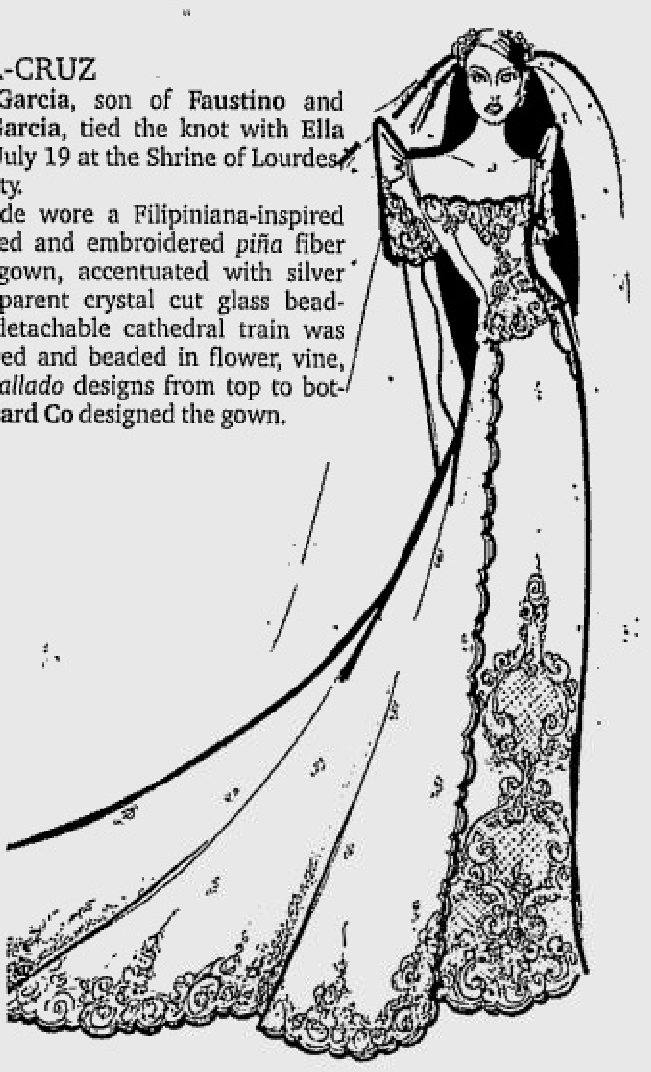
Ava Katrina is a Grade 11 student of Brent International School Manila.



GARCIA-CRUZ

Jorge Garcia, son of **Faustino** and **Rafaela Garcia**, tied the knot with **Ella Cruz** last July 19 at the Shrine of Lourdes, Quezon City.

The bride wore a Filipiniana-inspired fully-beaded and embroidered *piña* fiber wedding gown, accentuated with silver and transparent crystal cut glass beadwork. A detachable cathedral train was embroidered and beaded in flower, vine, leaf and *callado* designs from top to bottom. **Leonard Co** designed the gown.



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Gemmalaine "Pinky" Hernandez, daughter of **Pete** and **Emma Hernandez**, will celebrate her 18th birthday on Aug. 30 at Crown Hotel in Naga City. Pinky is a second year BSFIM student at the University of Santa Isabel.

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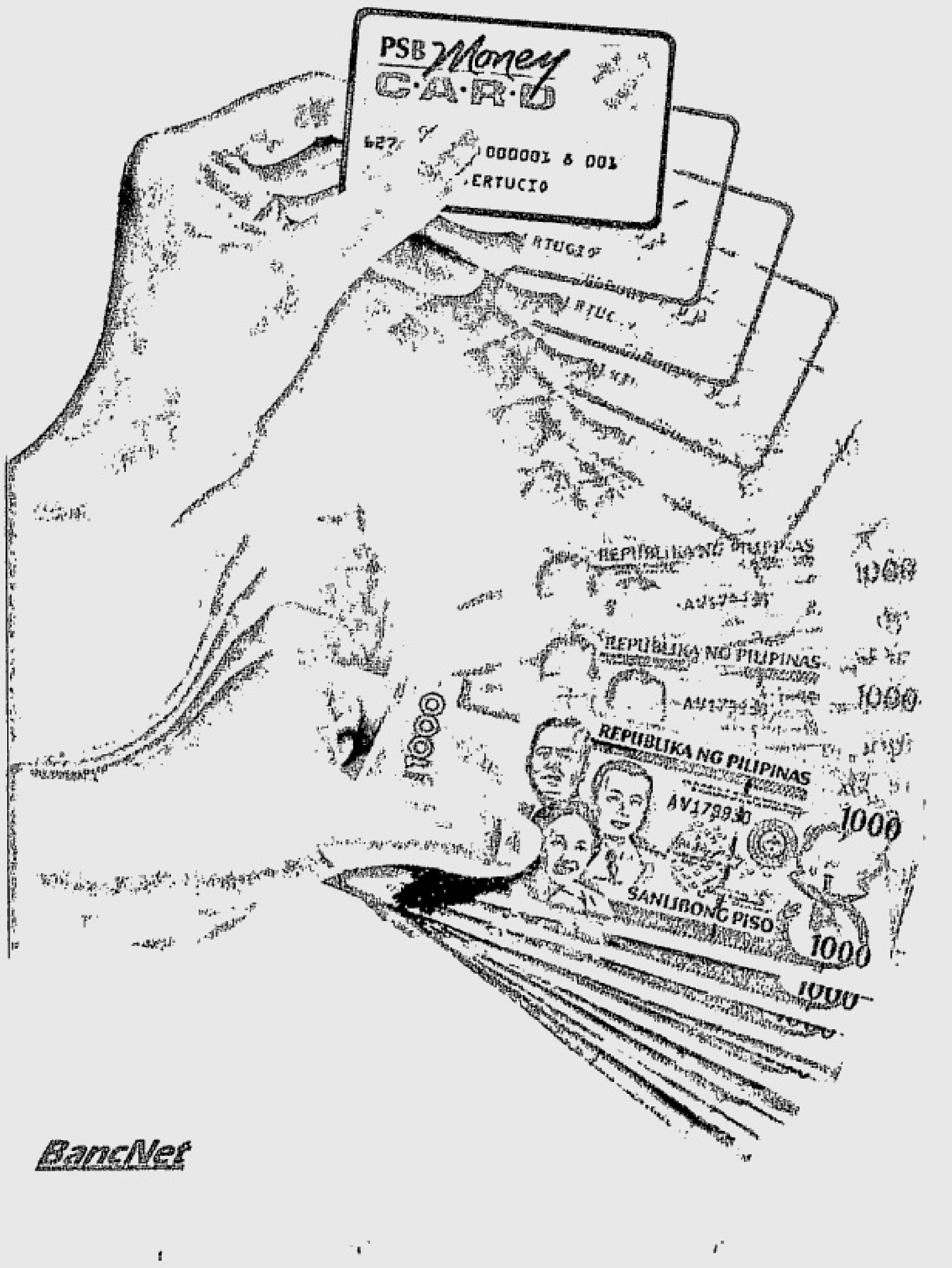


Everything you need to know about your printer supplies

With a report from Raquel Gomez

IN JUST a few short years, the trade of buying empty ink cartridges has already transformed to become a modern-day sidewalk business. Signs that read "We Buy Empty Ink Cartridges" are strewn in almost every street corner and sidewalk, with men waiting discreetly at the sidelines ready to conduct business.

Not long after, the trade has been brought to upscale locations, where they are called refill stations. Set up by affluent groups in various establishments, business here is done more explicitly, as opposed to their sidewalk counterparts.

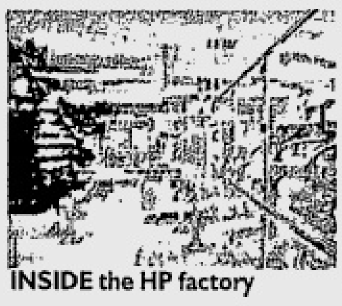
And then there is the sophisticated counterfeit industry, selling repackaged or refilled ink cartridges and misrepresented as, or somehow endorsed, sponsored or affiliated with its original manufacturer.

So what is the real deal with these ink cartridges? Can I really get better value for my money on refills? Am I helping save the environment when I re-use my cartridges? Will refilling void my printer's warranty? How would I know if a cartridge is fake? HP helps you answer your questions and more:

The Total Printing System

"There is more to ink than just ink," says Jun Juntilla, Supplies Business Manager of HP Philippines. "It is a complex substance that's specifically formulated and engineered to work within the manufacturer's printing design system." For HP, Juntilla attests, every drop of ink and every nozzle of every original print cartridge undergoes a rigorous testing in manufacturing before it is shipped. HP's unique ink formulations are the object of numerous patents. It is specially formulated and tested to withstand elements that cause fading and smearing. Inks must also be calibrated to interact with the printhead so as to avoid nozzle clogging and print quality degradation while maximizing dry times. HP ink and toner are formulated to exacting standards, and designed to interact with the printing system under precise conditions to produce top quality printouts. HP invests billions of dollars in research and development to create printing systems— printers, inks, toners, papers—that work together to provide outstanding quality and reliability.

'There is more to ink than just ink'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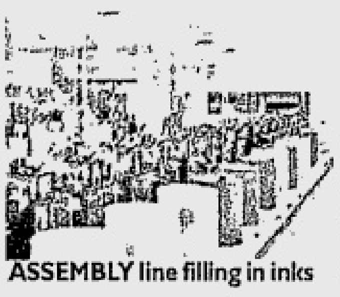
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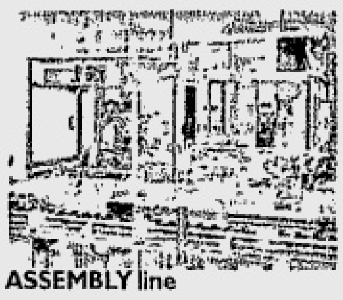
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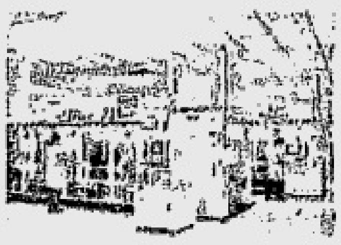
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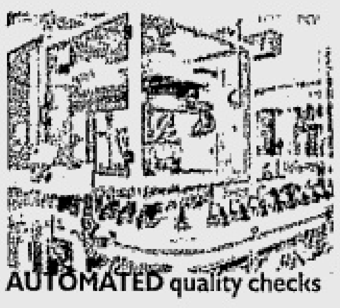

AUTOMATED quality checks

Refilling for Less?

With the proliferation of ink refilling stations offering lower cost cartridge alternatives, isn't the offer too good to refuse? Juntilla cautions, "Consumers should be aware that these refilling stations use their own or purchase third-party ink formulations and apply their own processes, and therefore should not expect HP printing quality and reliability in their printouts." HP claims it cannot predict what the long-term effect on the printer's reliability could be from using different ink or toner formulations. Refilling processes and the use of third-party inks and toners may disrupt the printing system, creating print quality issues such as spots, smears or streaks, failed nozzles and excessive bleed, potentially resulting in printer damage.

Though the use of refilled print cartridges alone does not void the product warranty, if the printer damage is found to be directly attributed to the use of modified or refilled cartridge, the cost of repair will not be covered under the warranty or by any maintenance contract. Standard time and material charges will thus be applied for the particular damage in the printer.

HP understands that customers have a choice to refill or not to refill, but the manufacturer recommends the use of original inks and toners to achieve the best value for their investment. "Since no third-party manufacturer can claim to be at par with HP's billion-dollar investment in research and development, no third-party manufacturer can consistently provide the quality and reliability delivered by HP printing systems," states Juntilla.

So what about "We Buy Empty Cartridges" signs all over the city? Couldn't it be one way to recycle?

HP's Return and Recycling program is a completely free service to environment conscious companies and individuals. Returned cartridges are not refilled but shredded and further refined to make raw materials, auto parts, and HP products. The remaining materials are disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner. The disposable processes of third-party companies, whether environmental or otherwise, are unknown to HP.

According to Juntilla, the buy back of empty cartridges is likely to be a facet of the refilling business. The HP official, however, does not discount the possibility of it leading to counterfeiting.

Fake Cartridges

Counterfeiting is defined as the unauthorized application or use of a trade mark on goods that do not originate from or with the approval of the brand owner. Generally, there is a clear intention to deceive and imitate the quality of the original product.

"Counterfeiting is not the same as refilling or remanufacturing, which are legitimate industries," Juntilla clarifies. "A refilled or remanufactured product is not counterfeit unless it is packaged or sold in a way that confuses, or is likely to confuse, a customer into believing they are buying a genuine HP product."

When you purchase genuine HP supplies, you are buying the quality and proven reliability that HP provides. Poor print quality and unreliable cartridges are primary indicators of counterfeit products. Poor print quality may require you to reprint your output, which is time, energy, and money wasted. Leaking toner or ink cartridges and clogged inkjet nozzles can damage the printer and may be costly to repair.

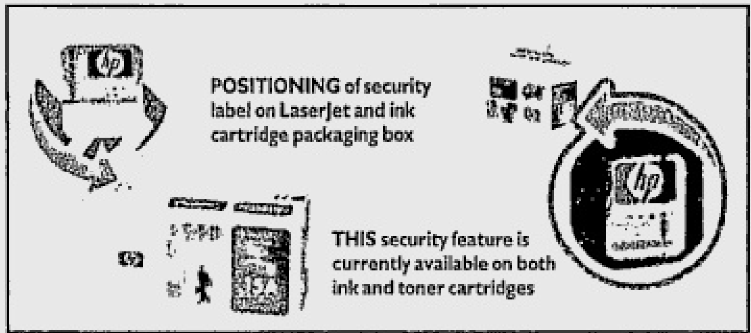
HP strives to protect the integrity of the HP brand and the rights of their customers by ensuring that they are able to purchase and use original HP products and supplies every time. HP has increased its efforts to identify trademark infringements and runs a worldwide program to eradicate counterfeits. These efforts include taking legal action against counterfeit manufacturers, resellers, distributors, and box and label manufacturers all over the world. Recent raids have been conducted in several countries including India, China, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines. The program is instigated by the HP US and Asia Pacific offices in coordination with local law enforcement agencies around the world.

JUN Juntilla, HP Philippines Supplies Business Manager, points out the security label on an HP cartridge packaging. The security label, with its color shifting feature, will help consumers identify genuine HP inks and toners, and will serve as protection against counterfeit cartridges.

Telling the genuine from the fakes

In its continuing efforts to protect consumers from counterfeit cartridges, HP has introduced a new security label on its ink and toner packaging. This will not only make counterfeiting more difficult; it will also help consumers identify original HP products better.

New colour-shifting ink: When the angle of view is changed, the color of the logo on the label will shift from green to dark blue. This area has a glossy appearance and sparkles when viewed from certain angles.


POSITIONING of security label on LaserJet and ink cartridge packaging box

THIS security feature is currently available on both ink and toner cartridges

•note: current security label, featuring color shifting ink from blue to black, is still available on most of the ink packaging and is valid till further notice.

If customers believe they have been victims of a counterfeit HP product, they should call the HP anti-counterfeit Philippine toll-free hotline at 1-800-1-888-5934.

Peace of Mind

With all that is said and done, the one thing HP strives to achieve is for Philippine consumers to make more informed choices about their investments. HP complements this effort with special marketing programs and promotions to add value for its customers. "Using original HP products gives you the peace of mind that HP adheres to, with its dedication to quality in design and manufacturing, and the commitment to customer satisfaction it has demonstrated over the past 60 years." Juntilla adds, "Peace of mind plus value, that's the perfect combination."

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Deskjet 5160*	DJ5160
Photosmart 7550	PS7550
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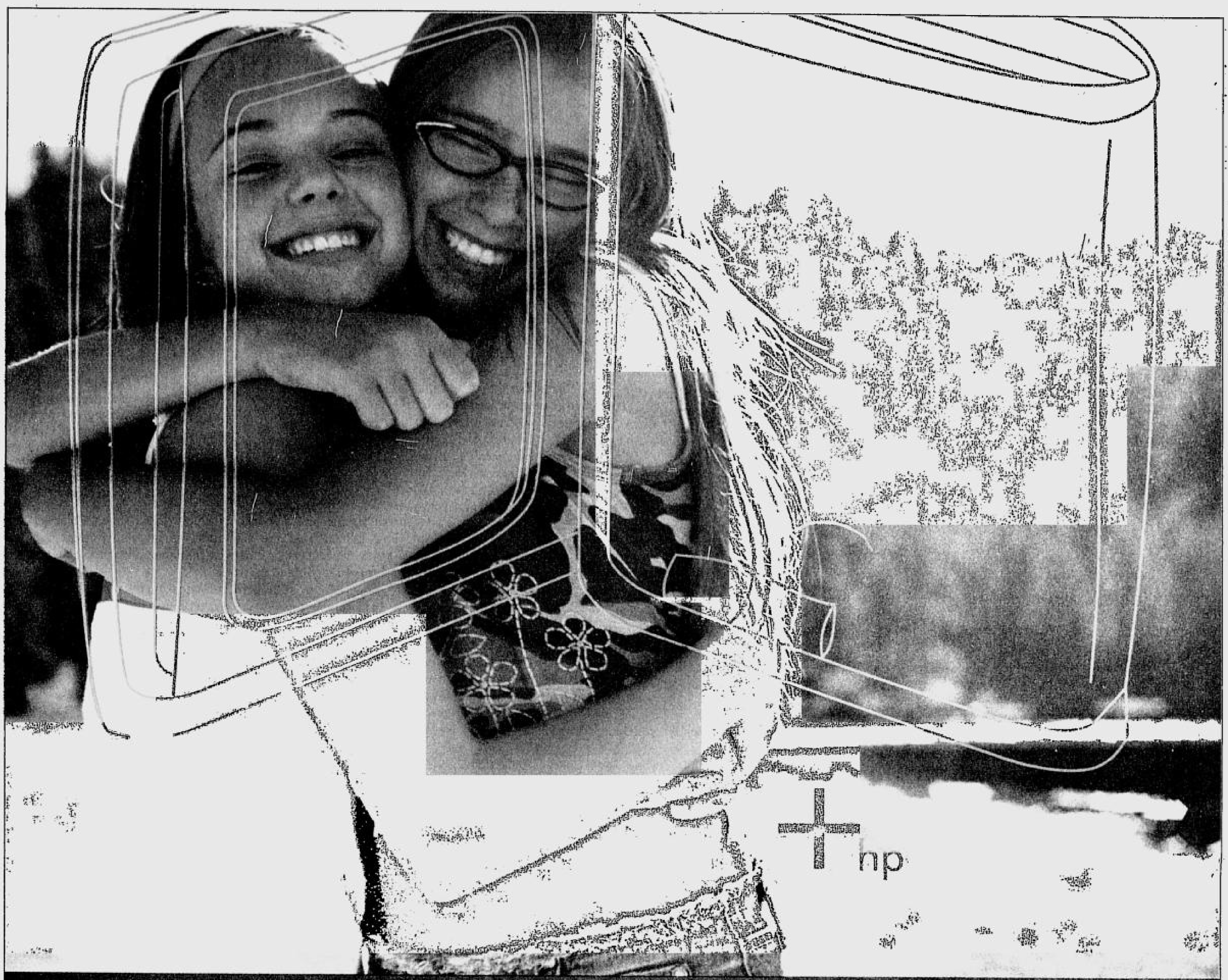

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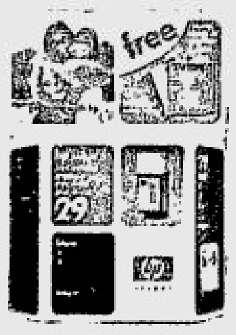

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GMA, IPO, CUP support HP's move against counterfeit products

Republic of the Philippines

I CONGRATULATE HP Philippines on your information campaign to stop the proliferation of counterfeit products.

Your efforts to help our people detect fake ink cartridges enhance our common aims to protect intellectual property, and promote business growth and consumer welfare. This notable project shows your commitment to quality products and services.

The Philippines continues to be a dynamic participant in the global economy where international treaties governing intellectual property protection are followed and enforced. I encourage similar information campaigns that help the consuming public become vigilant against fake products, and assist in the enforcement of intellectual property laws.

I call on the private business sector, consuming public, and all the stakeholders in intellectual property protection to strengthen cooperation with the government towards effective educational campaigns, better policy and legal approaches, and tougher law enforcement.

Mabuhay!
GMArroyo
Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
President
Republic of the Philippines

Intellectual Property Office

GREETINGS!

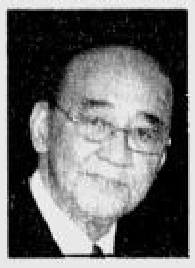
The Intellectual Property Office congratulates HP Philippines for its efforts to educate the public against the dangers and disadvantages of using counterfeit products. The damage to our economy of such intellectual property violations cannot be overemphasized. Thus, we at the government welcome with appreciation your initiative to do something about this menace.

The war against piracy and counterfeiting activities is a battle that all concerned must fight. While the government is relentless in its campaign against intellectual property thieves, private sector support is vital to make the campaigns effective. To us in IPO, you are a valuable partner in intellectual property rights enforcement.

Again our congratulations and best wishes for your success in this endeavor.

Mabuhay!
Emma C. Francisco
Director General
IPO

Consumers Union of the Philippines



THE CONSUMERS Union of the Philippines supports HP Philippines and their efforts to provide in-depth information to their consumers on the truth about counterfeits. We hope to see more campaigns in the future that can, to a great extent, empower the public to uphold their rights to quality products and services.

At a time when public's purchasing power is at its most vulnerable, we at CUP make sure that we remain vigilant of any illegal groups who persist with their deceptive ways. The vital insights that HP will be passing on through this supplement will be an integral factor in protecting the rights and privileges of both the consumers and legitimate vendors.

To HP Philippines, keep up the good work! Again, Congratulations.

Atty. Quirino A. Marquinez
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Thank you for your trust and support.

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Don't be a victim of counterfeits

Hewlett-Packard views the counterfeiting of its products as a serious problem. That is why we are taking a variety of measures to protect our customers from becoming victims. This combination of raising awareness of such activities in the market and taking appropriate action against perpetrators will hopefully put an end to this problem.

Take part in our efforts to put a stop to counterfeiting. Ensure your print cartridges are original by helping us detect fakes and reporting such fraudulent activities. This is a sample checklist to ensure you are protected.

- Missing security label on the print cartridge package
- No color-shifting feature (blue to black or green to blue) on the security label
- Packaging has been tampered with or is clearly non-original
- Frequent cartridge failure and poor print quality

If you encounter any of the above problems or feel that a counterfeit product was mistakenly purchased, inform Hewlett-Packard by calling the HP Philippines anti-counterfeit hotline at **1-800-1888-5943.**

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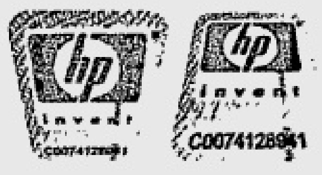

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Tilting the security label up and down will make its colour-shifting ink change from green to blue.

Existing ink packaging may have a colour shifting label that turns from blue to black.

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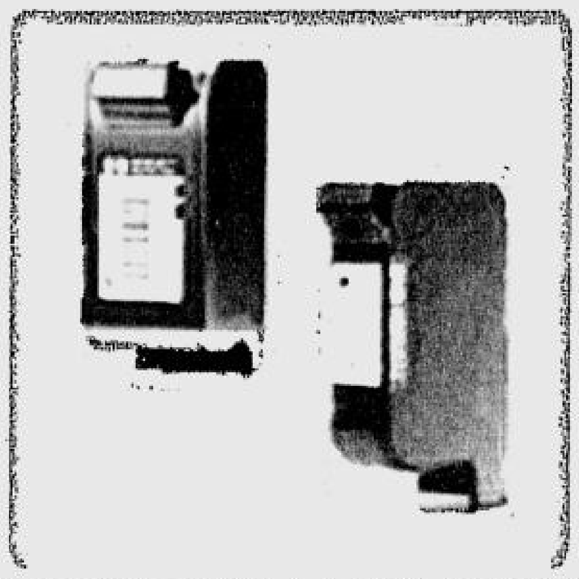
HP trivia: Did you know?

HP's two-cartridge system is the same as or even better than separate ink tanks.



Aside from having less product codes to remember, research shows that for small-format printing, HP's two-cartridge system yields more prints than the competing multi-cartridge system.

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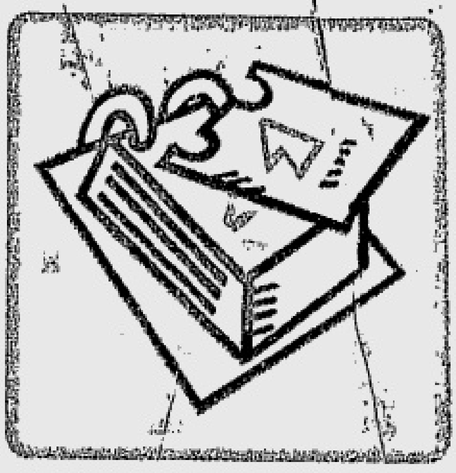
For further details on recycling solutions for HP's printing supplies, visit: www.hp.com/recycle.



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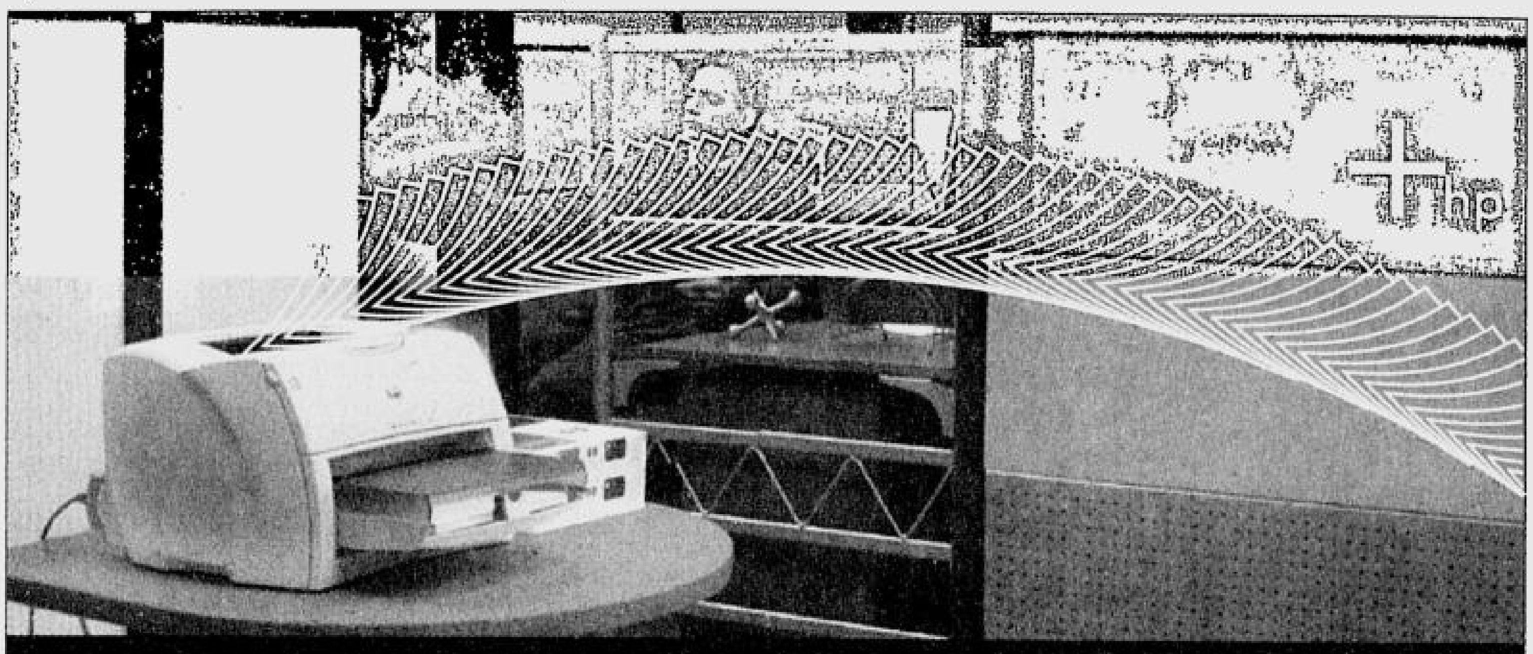

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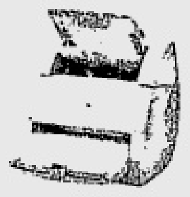

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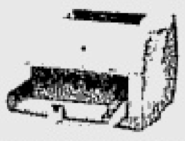

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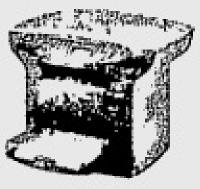

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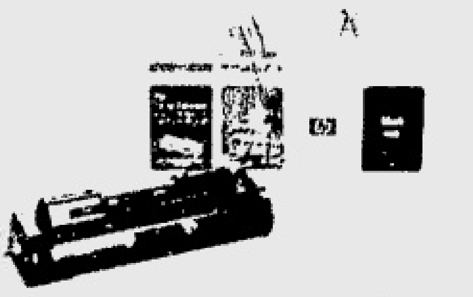

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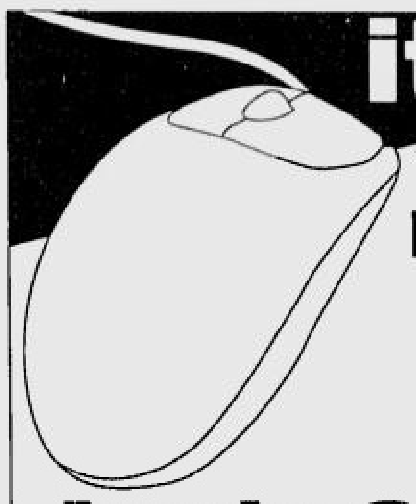

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Steps

So it shouldn't be surprising that to reach your personal heaven at work, you'll have to generate some heat. We've outlined a series of steps that can wing you toward a promotion without getting burned. For even more advice, check out "Getting Promoted" by Harry Chambers (Perseus, 1999).

Objectives

What are you looking for? A promotion can be many things: a better title, a new job description, more staff, a better office, more money . . . Decide what you want. Then, during your next performance review, tell your boss your goal. Ask her how realistic it is and what you'll have to do to get there.

Do you ask for regular appraisals? Since many bosses don't do regular performance reviews, take the initiative and ask for one. (What next: scheduling a visit to a proctologist?) Without regular appraisals, you lack a forum in which to learn what you need to do to get ahead.

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

Handling criticism

Can you handle some criticism? Surprisingly, the worst kind of performance review is one where your boss says nothing but good things. Why? Because it give you little information on how to improve. So when the conversation turns negative, don't get defensive. Start note-taking. Of course, if your boss is the kind who accentuates ONLY the negative, bring along letters and reports from others that show what you've accomplished. Remind her politely but firmly that you've got another side. And collect memos that show when priorities were changed, because those can often affect your performance.

Performance goals

Can you set goals for your appraisal? Sure, she's the boss, but you still get a say in the agenda. Set some promotion-related goals ahead of time; for instance, to get advice on your career, or info on where the company is headed, or a heads-up on problems the company is facing. Then, talk about how you might fit into those changes.

Do you know what it will take to get promoted? If a promotion isn't in the cards right now, ask exactly what you need to do to get one. The more you know about your boss's expectations, the better you'll be able to meet them.

Unfortunately, because of all the corporate cutbacks in the '90's, many climbs up the job ladder that used to happen easily now have a snowball's chance in hell. But if you follow these tips, your chance at a heavenly promotion may be waiting in the wings.

Poll results

Here are the results of our last workingwounded.com/ABCnews.com poll: How important is a promotion to you?

—It's not important at all, 7.3%

—Very important, 36.2%

—It's not at the top of my list, 56.4%

(Mr. Rosner is the author of bestsellers "The Boss's Survival Guide," McGraw Hill 2001, and "Working Wounded," Warner 2000, a speaker and founder of the award-winning Working Wounded.com and RetentionEvangelist.com. He is based in Seattle, Washington, USA. Email him at bob@workingwounded.com.*)*

Job prospects brighten ...

(From page J10)

to be given more protection and equal opportunity. However, 20% said job opportunities of PWDs are really limited because of their disabilities whereas 13.3% said that organizations need to be given incentives to hire them.

Existing laws

Ironically, there are existing laws to encourage organizations to hire PWDs. According to Dr. Lisa Martinez, Director of the Philippine Deaf Resource Center, Republic Act 7277 (Magna Carta for the Disabled) provides tax incentives for private organizations that hire PWDs. She adds that the same law also requires 5% of all casual, emergency, and contractual positions in government agencies, offices and corporations engaged in social development to be reserved for PWDs.

But like other well-meaning legislation, the problem apparently lies in the implementation. De la Torre adds, employers who are interested because of the tax incentives are unclear on the procedures and actual collection of gains because no one could give them guidance. In effect, the option to hire handicapped persons becomes a relegated concern.

Sentiments

A common sentiment that hinders employers in hiring handicapped workers is the fear that these people would not reach expectations and produce the expected output, thus impeding organizational performance. They also tend to see some of the adjustments in accommodating PWDs as an unnecessary burden they need not have to go through.

However, these perceptions remain focused on the potential discomforts (whether real or imagined) of hiring handicapped workers and not on potential gains of working with this unique group of people. Fortunately, there are organizations that are starting to discover benefits of hiring PWDs.

Examples

Just recently, ABS-CBN Foundation - Educational TV division employed two Deaf graphic artists. They were so pleased with their Deaf employees that they are now exploring the possibility of sub-contracting some portions of their program to a group of Deaf multimedia artists. In particular, supervisors were impressed with the creativity of these handicapped workers as well their focus and dedication to their craft.

Other companies such as Probe Productions, iNCODE Inc., Sevilla Candle factory, On-line Communications, and Rotary Club of University District Manila are other organizations who have given opportunities to talented PWDs who were just waiting for their chance to make a difference.

Overall, our survey shows that there is much to be done in creating more openness among organizations and implementing the Magna Carta for the Disabled. What handicapped workers are asking is a chance to show how they could possibly be an asset and not a liability to organizations.

(Send feedback to ateneocord@admu.edu.ph.*)*

Leadership Seminar

ROCHELLE Ambubuyog (left), blind Math whiz and Ateneo magna cum laude graduate, and PLDT president Manuel V. Pangilinan, share their inspiring experiences at PLDT's Expreso Live! Leadership Seminar Series. PHOTO COURTESY OF PLDT

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Feedback

August 13, 2003
To the Editor of the Philippine Daily Inquirer:

The Philippine Glaucoma Society, a duly recognized organization under the umbrella of the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology, would like to react strongly to the article entitled "Doctors find friendship abroad, passion to serve in own country" which came out on page L16 of the Philippine Daily Inquirer last Aug. 3, 2003.

The information about glaucoma contained in the article is misleading and highly questionable. The "sutureless glaucoma surgery" being highlighted has not undergone a controlled clinical trial to validate its safety and efficacy. It has not been subjected to a randomized comparison with the standard glaucoma filtering surgery to show that its outcomes is at least comparable, if not better, in lowering intraocular pressure. Preliminary findings, if any, have not been presented to the Society for peer review. This is customary for new procedures. Our members are in constant communication with other international glaucoma societies, and to the best of our knowledge, at present this procedure is not an internationally accepted one. We would like to caution the public if they are contemplating on undergoing what appears to be a procedure in its experimental stage.

With regards to the ongoing research to develop a vaccine against glaucoma, again we would like to call the public's attention lest they are deceived and falsely hope that such a vaccine will cure their glaucoma or prevent them from developing glaucoma. A vaccine is a drug that will boost a person's immune system against a virus or an organism that has been established to be causing the disease. Vaccines are effective against infectious diseases such as hepatitis, polio, measles. But glaucoma is not an infectious or communicable disease. There are several types of glaucoma, and most of their etiologies still remain unknown. An open angle type of glaucoma has been associated with a gene, hence the trend in glaucoma research is genetic engineering. So the scientific basis of this supposed research to develop a glaucoma vaccine is unclear.

This article is giving a false impression that these will be new treatment options for glaucoma in the near future. On the contrary, these investigative modes of therapy will still need to withstand years and even decades of rigorous research and clinical trials before they become accepted in the medical community. It is prudent to remind the public that among the numerous investigative treatment modalities being studied in the laboratories, only a small fraction will be proven safe and effective in treating a particular disease.

It will be to the advantage of your respected and widely read newspaper if you screen such articles submitted to you for their accuracy and validity. Otherwise, you will be instrumental in circulating false information and promoting unethical practices.

The Philippine Glaucoma Society is composed of board-certified ophthalmologists who have trained in various glaucoma centers worldwide. We welcome any invitation in the future to review articles on glaucoma that are submitted to your newspaper for publication.

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August 21, 2003
To the Officers and Members of the Philippine Glaucoma Society:

Please be advised that the writer of the story, "Doctors find friendship abroad...," wrote the article in good faith and merely quoted the statements of Dr. David Gosiengfiao regarding the sutureless glaucoma surgery and the glaucoma vaccine. Since the interviewees were doctors connected with a reputable hospital, the writer saw no reason to suspect their statements. It was on this basis that this editor saw it fit to publish the article. However, since the statements of Dr. Gosiengfiao elicited contrary opinions such as those of your association, we are publishing your statement in line with Inquirer's philosophy of "balanced news, fearless views." Thank you for your understanding.

Very truly yours,
Regina Galang Reyes
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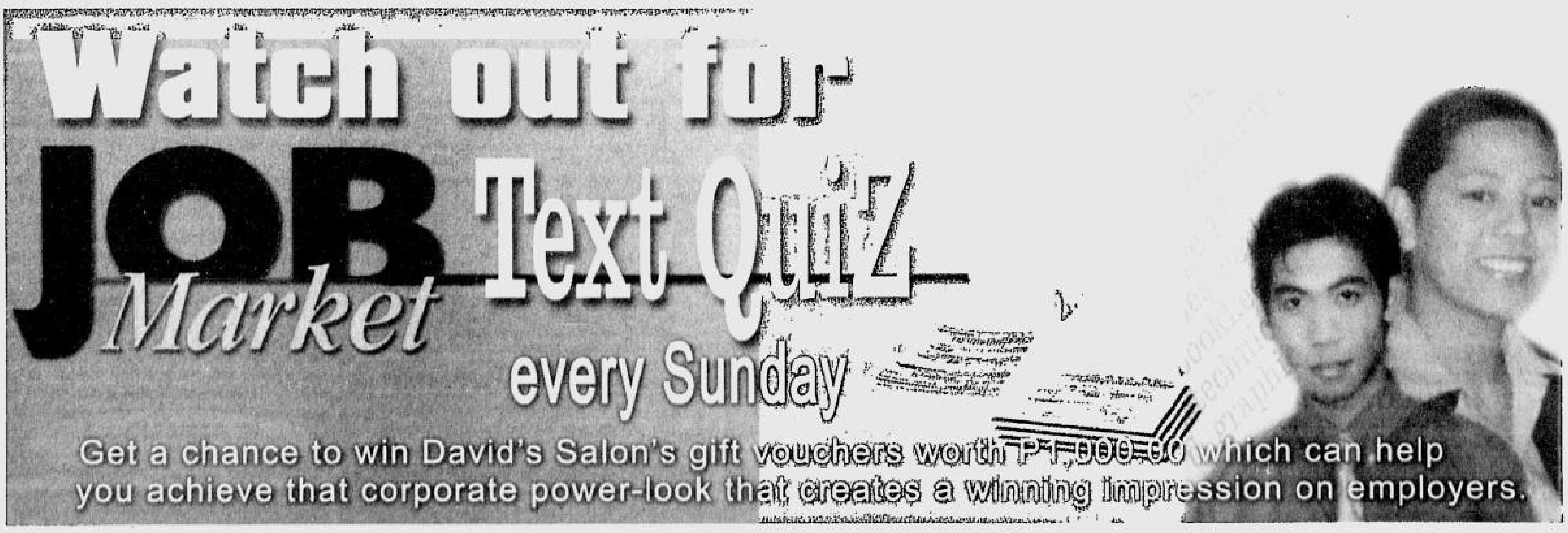
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Sunday PEOPLE at WORK

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PEOPLE AT WORK PULSE

Job prospects brighten for persons with disabilities

By Eric Daniel Soriano, DLSU-CSB School of Deaf Education and Applied Studies & Gina Hechanova, Ateneo Center for Organization Research & Development

PEOPLE are inspired and left in awe after hearing stories such as that of Rochelle Ambubuyog, the blind Math whiz who graduated magna cum laude and class valedictorian at the Ateneo de Manila. Or maybe even Ryan Jay Bernardo, a highly-gifted Deaf graduate of the College of Saint Benilde who's now a full-time graphic artist for ABS-CBN's *Sine-Eskwela*. These people have shown that their physical limitations are not a hindrance if one is truly determined to succeed in life.

However, Rochelle's and RJ's story are more of exceptions rather than the norm. Compared with more progressive countries, opportunities for the differently-abled Filipino workers are still scarce. Though the Magna Carta for the Disabled aims to "level the playing field," a lot of organizations have yet to open its doors to Persons with Disabilities (PWDs).

Attitude

To determine the job prospects of Persons with Disabilities, People at Work Pulse conducted a survey on the attitude of potential employers and colleagues on Persons with Disabilities and how these affect the chances of PWDs being given gainful employment in different organizations. We posed four questions that deal with perceptions and feelings towards working with handicapped workers: (1) How would you feel working with handicapped workers? (2) Which of the following handicaps would be a liability and make it impossible to perform your job? (3) Do you think your company is open to hiring handicapped workers? (4) What do you think are the plight of handicapped workers in the Philippines?

A total of 75 readers responded to our survey – 20 male and 55 female. 53.3% are from private corporations, 12% from government institutions, 14.7% from non-government organizations, while 20% of the respondents come from the academe. Of the 75 respondents, more than two-thirds (67.1%) indicated that they are open to working with PWDs, 30.3% said that they could, only if their disability does not impede performance. Only 2.6% admitted that they think it won't be possible with the kind of work that they do.

Majority of respondents indicated that they were open to working with PWDs. However, only 12% said that no disability is impossible for someone to do their jobs. 59.2% of the respondents said their jobs would be impossible for the blind, 46.1 % for the mute, 39.5% for the Deaf, and 23.7% for the physically impaired. Around 40% said that at least two of the four disabilities mentioned are impossible for their jobs. Only 7.8% of the respondents said that it would be impossible for any of the disabilities to perform their jobs.

One of our readers, Ms. Techie De la Torre, Dean of CSB-SDEAS, wrote us and pointed out that successfully working with handicapped workers is a result of openness at both personal and organizational levels. Regarding the level of openness of their companies in hiring handicapped workers, around 37.3% of our respondents said that they already have handicapped workers in their organizations. Of these, 32.1% are form private organizations, 14.3% are from the government, 25% from NGOs and 28.6% from schools.

Not a burden

On the other hand, 42.1% said that their companies are open to PWDs as long as they have the necessary skills. About 22.7% however said that the nature of their work couldn't accommodate handicapped people. It's good to note that none of the respondents said that handicapped workers would only be a burden to their organization.

Asked on what they think about the plight of handicapped workers in the Philippines, most of the respondents, about 69.3%, believed that PWDs need

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DR. SIDNEY Mc Quay (left), a visiting professor from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, New York, supervises Deaf trainees Hannah and Guy, during their stint as graphic artists at the Sevilla Candle Factory in Malabon.

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'I want to resign because of employees' unprofessional behavior'

By Tita Datu Puangco

Advice

FOR THE ANXIOUS PERSON AT WORK

I HAVE been working for my company a little over a year. I work for a 2-year old company with less than 20 employees. Most of the employees were employees of another company that closed down. Therefore, these employees have already known each other before working for the current company.

I have been thinking of transfering to another company. I want to leave because of the lack of professionalism of upper management and most of its employees. Since I started working here, I have been witness to a couple of "dramas" that involved my officemates and our general manager. These "dramas" were personal in nature. They include shouting sessions and other unprofessional conduct. Fortunately, I have not been involved.

Confidentiality is another matter lacking in this company. I know that matters discussed in exit interviews should be kept confidential. But once I heard upper management gossiping about what went on during an exit interview with one of our employees.

I don't think I can endure working in an environment like this. I consider myself a professional person with high standards. Unfortunately, other people view me in a different light. They think I am "*maarte*" or hard to work with because of my professionalism. How can I tell my prospective employer the real reason I want to leave without badmouthing my current employer?

Ms. Baffled

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Clearly, your current company is young at two years and is still at an exploring stage in terms of development. The corporate culture that is developing is one focused on issues at a personal, rather than a professional, level. In this situation, one can choose to "react" to all the dramas and scenes happening around you. Or bail out and find a more professional environment. Or you may decide to be proactive and become the "professional culture" builder taking co-responsibility. It will not be an easy or quick job but it can be done.

So, what does it take to change culture? First, establish rapport with your officemates. You can do this, not coming from a superior, judging point of view, with the perspective of being of service to others. Build solid relationships with your officemates to a degree that you can urge them to handle difficult situations better. Or better still, establish company norms to govern explosive situations.

Dr. Hendrie Weisenger offers in his book, "The Power of Positive Criticism," some tips on positive criticism. He suggests to learn the art of criticizing strategically. Before giving the criticism, ask yourself the following questions. Exactly what do I want to communicate? What do I want to change? What are my motives for expressing this criticism? What specific solutions and goals can I offer? What can I do to help the person achieve these goals? How can I communicate the information so the person will be receptive?

Answers

Applying this to your situation, you may answer the questions in this manner. I want to communicate that shouting over personal issues or disagreements is unprofessional and unbecoming and can demoralize people witnessing the incident. I want people to handle issues in a less emotional or provocative manner. My motives for expressing criticism are to help people maintain their self-esteem and improve relationships. I can suggest that people discuss their issues in a more private place or offer a problem solving process.

Then again, you may want to help the boss. How do you go about giving positive criticism? Weisinger suggests three major ground rules. First, make sure that your boss is receptive to being criticized. You can see this in his actions. For example, he openly asks for feedback or is open to change. Second, make sure it is appropriate in the power structure to voice it. Criticize your boss for his or her action that directly impacts your work or performance. Third, avoid a power struggle. Be careful that your criticism does not threaten his self-esteem or his job security.

Techniques

Weisinger proposes two effective techniques in expressing criticisms. One is to present the criticism to your boss in a way that emphasizes the validity of the criticism by showing information citing authoritative sources, data or reference materials. Two is to phrase the criticism in the form of a request for help in a problem you are having.

Finally, you can tell your future employer the reason for your leaving your current company in a more positive manner by saying that you desire to be part of a professional company. You then can express your concept of a professional organization without using your old company as reference. Then, you don't have to bad mouth or put down your present company.

(Ms Puangco is CEO and Chair of Ancilla Enterprise Development Consulting. Send feedback through email to advice@ ancillaedc.com.ph or fax to 892-2902.)

Psychic income

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

WHY would people want to leave their jobs? For most of us, the simplest reason for leaving a job would be "Because I'm overworked and underpaid." So we scour the Classifieds for vacancies in companies that offer higher paying jobs, superior employment benefits, and a work setting that would advance our dreams of reaching the top of the corporate ladder. That's quite easy to understand—who doesn't want to receive a fat paycheck, enjoy hefty perks and feel appreciated by others?

Why then would some people not want to quit their jobs despite the lack of the usual things that give job satisfaction? Take Cathy—her pay is so-so and she's too busy to take on sidelines for extra income. Her boss is a pain in the neck and her peers are simply lazy and unmotivated. To any employee in her "right mind," her work situation can only lead to a dead end, yet Cathy stays on, by choice.

Like the disciples in today's gospel who stay with Jesus who has "the words of eternal life," Cathy keeps her job for reasons other than material rewards. She has "staying power" because she knows the rewards of patience and the value of psychic income. She is aware that the wants and the hardships in her present job teach her lessons that build her character and contribute to her growth. Growth necessarily causes discomfort—notice how your shoes pinch when your feet outgrow them?—but it's okay with Cathy, for she also knows that where there is growth, there is life, and where there is life, abundance from the Source of Life can not but follow.

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Gospel Jn 6: 60-69

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

A rare perspective

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB,DD

IN this world, where the only thing permanent is change, loyalty of a person to something or someone is rare. Have you found one applicant for a job with just a one-liner entry in the "work experience" part of his resume? We seldom find a person who sticks to his/her job all throughout the working life. If there is one who does, he/she must have a rare and extraordinary reason for doing so. And what could such reason be?

Mang Quirino, our school driver when I was in high school, was the same driver twenty five years after when I came back as rector of the school. I found him and some teachers who were his work contemporaries as dedicated and enthusiastic in their service to the students and school community as ever before. Their loyalty to their work could not be due to the meager salary and benefits they got. It was more of the "joy of serving the young and seeing them grow happily," according to Mr. Canton, which made him teach for long years in the school. Like Peter and the Apostles in today's gospel who found in Jesus, their Master, the reason for staying and working with Him and for Him, Mang Quirino and the other teachers persevered in serving others.

We should look for a job and work not just because we need to have a decent living and climb the ladder of success, but because we believe that it is God's will that we work and that our job is our response to His call for us to love and serve Him and others. This is indeed a very rare perspective in life and work.

(Email the author at mfvg@skyinet.net.*)*

GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

August 24, 2003

Cecile Guidote-Alvarez

Still in Fighting Form

A battle with breast cancer has forced her to confront her own mortality. Yet, this fiery theater maverick, cultural warrior and believer in miracles is not about to slow down just yet

By Cora Llamas
Photograph by Jim Guiao-Punzalan

HE SYMPTOMS of a malignant tumor in her breast. It is the one piece of news that a woman dreads hearing. Cecile Guidote-Alvarez could have found out earlier, had she not been busy helping husband Sonny in the impeachment proceedings against then President Joseph Estrada. She hadn't had her general medical check-up in three years. It took the persuasion of her equally stubborn doctor to take the conclusive tests in Hong Kong.

Characteristically, immersed in a myriad of activities, including a daily radio program, a theatrical tour and brainstorming for a new *zarzuela*, one of the Philippine theater's pioneers haggled for a postponement: "I have so many responsibilities! I can't do it right away!" "Cecile, you have to be serious about this!" the doctor countered. "This is your *life*!"

The Hong Kong specialist's diagnosis finally stunned her into silence and compliance. "He told me that, unless I undergo an operation, I only have three to five years to live. I was so shocked and cried. I realized that I hadn't devoted time to my children and grandchild."

Then, there were her "other kids" beyond 28-year-old Hexilon and 22-year-old Hexila: the street children, castaways and disabled youth who were enjoying cultural and livelihood studies in her Dreams (Development, Rehabilitation, and Education, through Arts, Media, and Science) Academy. "All of a sudden, it dawned on me that I needed to institutionalize and stabilize certain things like education programs, so they don't feel abandoned."

Hearing the news while at sea, the Dreams youngsters rushed to the chapel to pray. Meanwhile, the phones did not stop ringing as long-time friends from the US, many of whom she had bonded with in exile during the Marcos era, called in their support and advice. Not long after, Cecile would undergo a mastectomy and another treatment that fortunately confirmed that the cancer had not spread to her bones.

"Katakot-takot na dasal iyon," she sighs in relief. "I thank my army of prayer warriors. I get some strength from all this encouraging love."

Not surprisingly, the most empowering love came from her immediate family's. Though they have always been close, Cecile finds that her husband and children now maximize every minute that they share. The kids look after her strictly no-meat, purely veggies-fruits-and-skinned chicken diet, and Sonny calls her everyday and occasionally reminds her to slow down. Not even the painful ef-

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Receiving an award for *"Balintataw"*

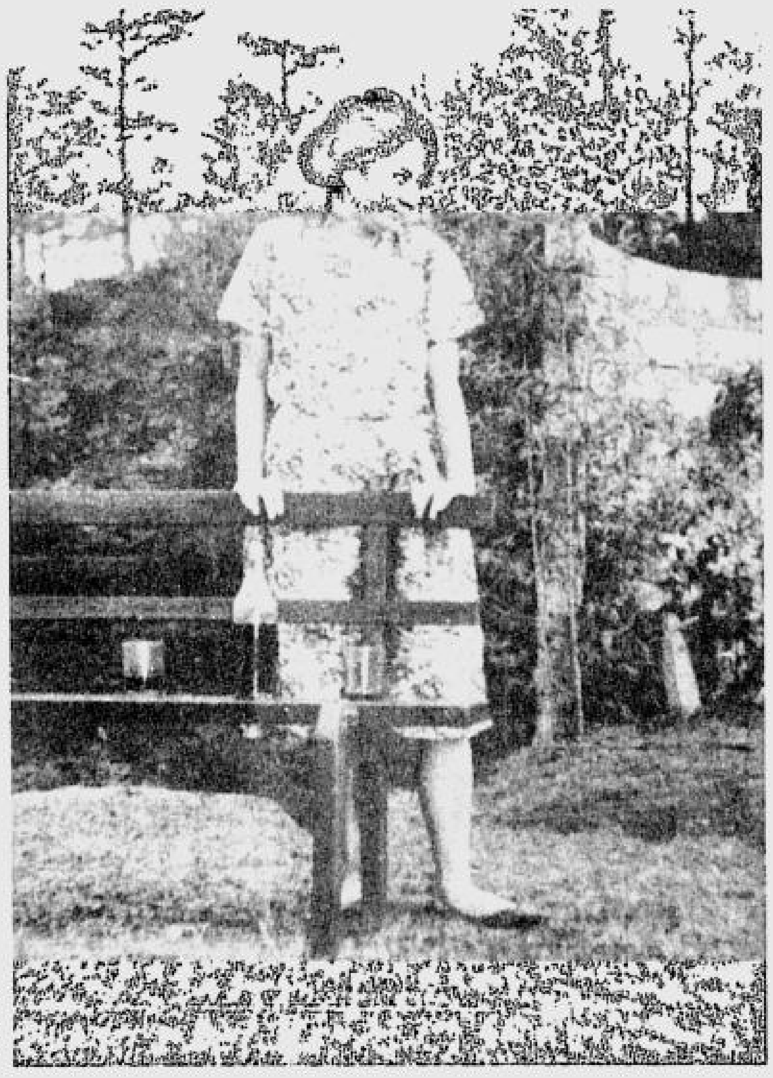
fects of a round of chemotherapy, which she has since completed, prevented her from guesting on an hours-long TV news show during the recent Oakwood coup. "Will you please take care of yourself?" Sonny pleaded for the nth time. "You don't act as if you are sick."

But then again, she was hoping for another one of her "crazy miracles." Cecile smiles as she goes through a memory lane that's peppered with them. In the 1960s, the critical and commercial success of the TV drama *"Balintataw"* set the standards for others to follow. The establishment of the Philippine Educational Theater Association (Peta) laid the groundwork for a national theater system that reached out to the grassroots. There was a courageous bluff at the airport that allowed her to leave the country, in spite of a blacklist and a hold order during the Martial Law regime. There was her participation in international cultural festivals that called attention to Filipino heritage and social issues. And finally, after re-enacting Cordillera war dances and Pinoys carrying the cross of a dictatorship in front of the US Congress and the White House, there was the restoration of democracy at home.

She's happy even if the miracles happen at a very late date, like the Supreme Court's recent awarding of Marcos millions to the families of political detainees. "You have to push for justice. It's dangerous if people start believing that evil can be rewarded and that they can get away doing it. That's where cultural corruption comes in."

Art is her best, most effective weapon against it. "Culture can provide reinforcement of the eternal values. The artist has a social responsibility; his art is not just an ego trip because it can build unity and stand for the consciousness of the people."

It's the two subjects that she can expound on for hours: culture and social consciousness. To her mind, the two are rarely divorced from the other.



Performing at the Baguio arts festival in 1968

Again, memories flash. In one UN conference, Cecile gave up her speech for a 13-year-old blind girl's song that touched on the plight and hopes of the underprivileged. "It shocked the entire plenary session. Everyone was sooo quiet. Immediately afterwards, the Secretary-General stood up to say, 'This child showed in three minutes the issues that we have been debating about the past three days!'"

Because culture can be the voice of the people, they should have a major part in it. A quarter of a century ago, when theater was perceived to be an elitist showcase of foreign classics, Cecile fought for the use of the vernacular in original plays. These days, under her wing as artistic director, the 50 blind, deaf, and mute poor children that make up the musical-theater group DREAMS Ensemble performs to rave reviews in United Nations summits, global conferences, and audiences with the Pope. The group was recently named Artists for Peace by Unesco, a first in the Philippines and only the second in the Asia-Pacific region.

"You see these children on stage, and they are transformed into people who are creative and productive," she says, the pride evident in her face and voice as she pushes her point. "The right to culture is the right of every citizen including the destitute and the crippled."

It would have been difficult to imagine the passionate statements coming from a shy St. Paul's College *colegiala* who learned theater at Fr. James Reuter's feet. But there had been other powerful earlier influences. Cecile's mother was a nurse who spent her waking hours attending to the sick and the needy as war-torn Manila slowly rebuilt itself. She also taught her daughter a lesson that the girl would never forget.

"My mom was a single parent. I'd always ask her, 'Where is my father?' She would answer, 'Your father was a guerilla. He died so you could be free.'"

Then, there was that life-defining summer outreach program she attended as a 16-year-old scholar of the Ateneo. "I was assigned to run a theater workshop at the Orthopedic Hospital, where all the crippled were. One pretty girl was in braces, her hands damaged. She was mad at the world. Her hands were the coldest, clammiest hands I have ever touched." The girl eventually warmed up to Cecile, never letting go.

"She eventually got involved with the workshop. Every time she performed, her voice rang like a bell. She was like a butterfly out of a cocoon, self-confident and transformed. I saw then the power of the arts to rehabilitate, and that image has always remained with me."

It would unleash creative works that innovated and educated in the years to come: the Child Year Culture Corps Project for the Year of the Child, a Third World arts curriculum utilized in artist-teachers' training, a cross-cultural performance of the Ramayana for The Year of the Disabled, a UN Conference Festival on Traditional Cultures and Communications Technology, among others.

Beyond the arts and activist scenarios, Cecile has fought on another front, this time beside her husband. Former environment secretary and current presidential adviser on Filipino overseas communities Sonny Alvarez was not spared his share of questions on integrity. Asked to comment, Cecile's usual fire leaps out. "These allegations are false. Not every congressman is honorable, and he has the guts to stand up against politicians with vested interests. I'm proud of him, it's the same way he stood against Marcos, the same way he stood for the Erap impeachment when everyone thought he was crazy. I know, because I have been asked to do the same thing as a wife twice. They tell us to drop the charges or Sonny will be sued for libel. I was threatened several times. They even said they would involve the army."

From hospital to harassment problems, Cecile never ceases praying. Walking in the face of her own mortality every day, it has become her foremost source of strength.

"You get wonderful things from reading the Psalms. Do you think I'm going to take painkillers?" she chuckles. "These trials are there to strengthen you. You overcome this and survive. You just have to focus. If you sincerely believe and do whatever you can and sustain it with prayer, the miracle happens."

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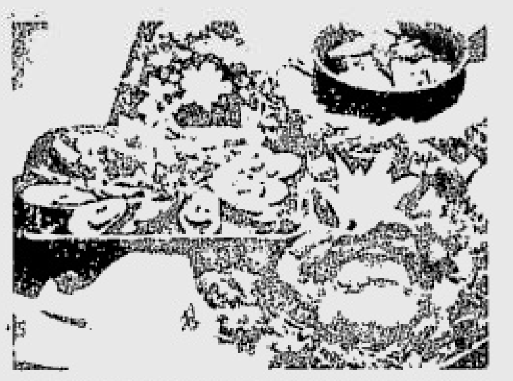


"Hola Zamboanga! Fiesta de Comida" *Curacha, Imbao* and *Vaca Pochero*. Manila Pavilion's rendition of the exotic treasures of the south is slated until August 29 at the hotel's Café Coquilla. *Hola Zamboanga! Fiesta de Comida* is available in a daily lunch buffet from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at P750+ per person. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

IN THE DARK

Blessed with half the night's
turning on of their bare bodies—;
all four of them—
they hustled down to
the river's edge
in the star-speckled dark
to consume cheese and wine
with low-pitched laughter.

They cheered their partaking
of one another
and the earth they lay
on and beyond, both across
and above. They hailed
the concert night they reared
with muffled drums of a tide
and the loud looney frog songs.

So they breached love again:
all four of them—
body and soul,
until morning.

Luis Cabalquinto

SOLITARYO

Kung suot ng palasingsingan,
Singsing ako ng pag-iisang
Hiyas bato ay kalungkutan;

May pag-ikot na kahungkagan
Nitong loob ang nadarama
Kung suot ng palasingsingan;

At makita man ang katawang
Hubog-ginto ay walang-hanggan,
Hiyas na bato ay kalungkutan.

Kinikilatis akong mahal,
mabigat sumingil ang ganda
Kung suot ng palasingsingan:

Pagkabagot na pangakuan,
At maging bato ang pagsintang
Hiyas bato ay kalungkutan;

Hagkan kaya ang kagalakang
Kubli't kubkob ng pag-iisang
Kung suot ng palasingsingan,
Hiyas bato ay kalungkutan?

Arnel S. Vitor, C. M.

Giving Guide

For Young and Old

Believe it or not, it's nearing Christmas again, and what better way to celebrate the spirit of giving than by sharing with those truly in need? SIM features non-profit groups that always appreciate any kind of help for their needy wards, or who would like to sell their products for a good cause. It is never too early to begin the season of giving to the less fortunate. Let's start now.

1. The Museo Pambata Resource Center Book Brigade makes donated books available to children visiting the museum, through their mobile library and through community-based reading centers. Encyclopedias, storybooks, dictionaries and magazines would be most welcome. Call 523-1797, 523-1798.

2. Coalition of Services for the Elderly hosts an annual Christmas gathering for some 1,500 seniors and elderly. They would need grocery bags (with such items as rice, sugar, milk, canned goods, margarine, bread, pasta, noodles, sauce etc.) and raffle prizes (TV, washing machine, radio, electric fans, rice cookers). Call 723-3039.

We've also received letters from groups who would like to be added to our Giving Guide list. We welcome your letters, and a photograph of your products would be even more helpful.

1. The Learning Center is a non-stock, non-profit organizational center for children challenged by autism, Down syndrome, mental retardation, cerebral palsy and other developmental problems. Their Activity Workshop turns out products that are perfect for corporate or Christmas giveaways, such as keychains, rosaries, necklaces and bracelets, while the Kitchen Workshop produces pickled papaya, banana cupcakes, macaroons and tarts. The sale of these items supports the livelihood project of the children. The Center also accepts special orders. To check out the product, call 824-9962 or 824-9964.

Trailblazers

By Rodolfo A.G. Silvestre, Jr.

Musician and Father

ROMY HOMILLADA

MORE than 40 years ago, her father brought his young bride to Cotabato, where the couple stayed for two months researching Maguindanao music. Today, Marion Maceda Villanueva frequents Mindanao to do field work as part of the Philippines-Canada Local Government Support Program.

"It's like the family has gone full circle," declares Marion of her father, National Artist for Music Jose Monserrat Maceda, who heads the University of the Philippines' Center for Ethnomusicology.

Maceda met his bride, the former Madelyn Clifford, a multi-awarded French Canadian concert pianist, while he was furthering his music studies in San Francisco. The couple would have settled in the States, but the US government did not extend his visa. So he came home to prepare for their wedding and she soon followed, travelling by a boat that took all of one month to reach the country.

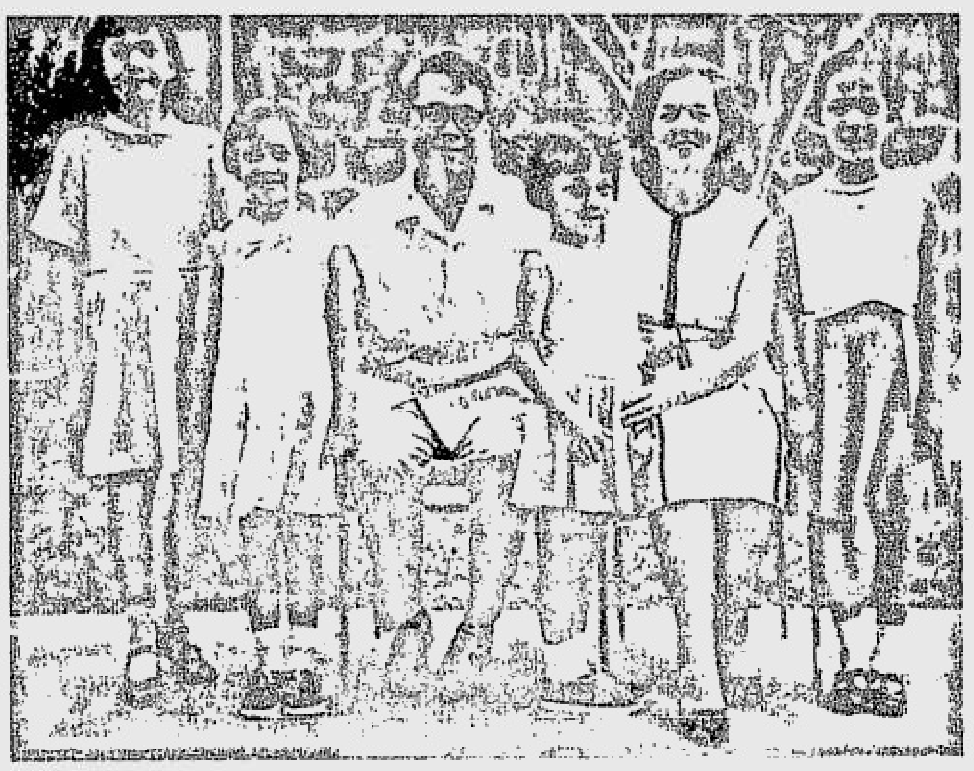
Maceda has been a widower these past three years, kept company by eldest daughter Marion and husband Johnny, who take their Sunday lunch at his modest bungalow inside UP. The house is filled with mementos from the family's travels, but the pride of place belongs to a baby grand piano.

At 86, her father still plays the piano, says Marion of this National Artist who, for decades, has been at the forefront of avant-garde music. Serious music buffs are, of course, familiar with Maceda's works, among them *"Udlot-Udlot,"* which is played with the use of sticks, buzzers, stamping tubes and whistles and a human voice, and "Atmospheres" (popularly known as "*Ugnayan*"), which requires the use of 20 radio sets tuned in to different radio stations, each playing a particular musical sound.

Despite such recognition, the professor remains unaffected and self-effacing. "The person behind the music does not matter. If you wish to honor me, listen to my music. That's why I'd rather not be recognized in public functions. I'm not up to waving at people, as though I were some politician running for public office. I want to be just another citizen," he says.

At the same time, Maceda seems aware of how different his music is. "It is difficult to share because it is not easily understandable, in the same manner that the music of Bach and Beethoven are not easily understood by just any German mechanic or farmer."

National Artist for Music Jose Maceda may have blazed the trail for a different kind of Filipino music, but nothing beats the sweet sound of his daughters' loving voices



Marion and Jose Maceda today, above; Jose and Madelyn with daughters Marion, Madeleine, Eileen and Kate, circa 1964

Marion recalls how her father used to stand out for being different during their schooldays in Maryknoll. "He wore sandals all the time, while other fathers wore a coat and tie or *barong*." Once, she recounts, he was asked by the Maryknoll sisters to lecture "and he came with all those instruments. They thought he was weird, to use a common word of the 1960s and 1970s." she adds.

"But then, I realized even then that we were not exactly the usual family, either," she clarifies. "Our mother looked different from other mothers, and she played the piano between giving lessons. We spoke English at home because of Mommy, but our parents shared secrets in French."

They also had "all kinds of ethnic instruments lying about, including a harpsichord that our classmates and friends were curious about."

Maceda was apparently a doting father to daughters Marion, Madeleine, Kate and Eileen, patiently waiting to drive them to school and playing classical pieces on the piano while they took their turns in the bathroom. "It helped him think, he used to say," says Marion.

Her parents would tune in to their favorite radio station, she adds, the one that played classical music nonstop and try to guess—no, not the composer, that

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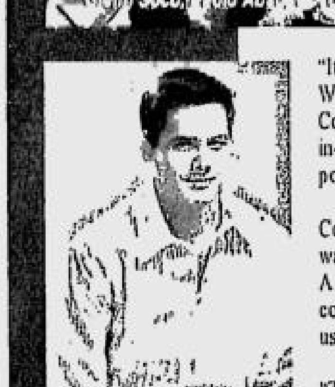
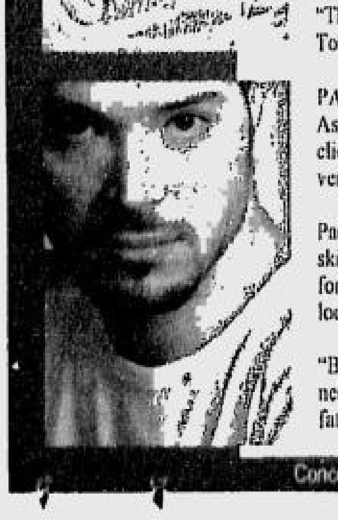
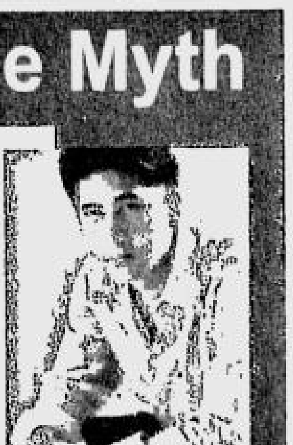
Left to right: Robert D[illegible] Paolo Trillo, Glenn Soco, Paolo Ab[illegible] Coco Mauricio







CLARINSMEN: Transcending The Male Myth

Men have always shied away from all things that spell vanity. In the beauty department, as they've been led to believe, men often take the backseat and resign themselves to a measly aftershave or cologne as an occasional indulgence.

The good news is, such unfounded skin care myths have been shattered by a new breed of young, virile and upwardly mobile men. Raised on a bedrock of good values and healthier lifestyle options, these well-informed gents know the real value of good personal grooming as a prerequisite to a life well-lived.

It is with these ideals in mind that Clarins, the worldwide leader in women's skin care products, created a new range of men's products that would match not just their unique facial blueprint but also their complex male psyche as well.

COCO MAURICIO
Hongkong-based Francisco 'Coco' Mauricio is one of those thousands who were very much elated over the eventual demise of the SARS scare.

"It was very surreal," recalls the boyish-looking ActMedia General Manager. "You know those cowboy Westerns where you'd see some hay tumbling across a ghost town? It was like that." Thankfully, the Crown Colony is once again brimming with bright economic prospects – and even better opportunities for Coco's in-store media company. "Basically, we sell airtime inside supermarkets," he explains. " You see all those pop-up ads in the supermarket shelves, or those floor stickers? That's what we do."

Coco grins with amusement as he recalls his initial brush with the Clarins products. "I was at the airport waiting for my luggage which contained my suits and other stuff that I needed for a wedding," he recounts." After taking what I THOUGHT was MY bag, I shuffled home and guess what? The bag contained a whole load of Clarins products. I never got back my bag since, but I've since been using the Clarins range – which turned out to be pretty good anyway."

"The Moisture Balm does wonders during colder climes, and for a non-shampoo fanatic like me, the Clarins Total Shampoo is very light and invigorating."

PAOLO ABAD
As Chief Information Officer of e2door.com, Paolo Abad makes electronic shopping a breeze for his clientele. "When you buy anything from the net, we make sure we get it for you and deliver it right to your very doorstep," he boasts.

Paolo admits to having stumbled on a good skin pampering secret – thanks to his wife who is an ardent skincare fanatic. "I used to love their Gentle Foaming Cleanser for Women, and even the Energizing Oil for massage," he admits gingerly. " With the foaming cleanser, I don't get pimples that easily, my face looks healthy and my cheeks get rosier."

"But I'm even more impressed with the new ClarinsMen range, because it's got virtually everything a man needs. There's a Facial Wash, a moisturizing gel, shampoo, an aftershave, moisture balm, a deodorant, fatigue fighter and even an undereye serum which is a great help for puffy eyes," Paolo adds.

PAOLO TRILLO
He's a familiar face that rabid basketball fans will definitely recognize anywhere he goes. No, he's not one of 'em sweat-drenched, slam-dunking hardcourt heroes, but he's still definitely in a league all his own.

As one of the young, fresh faces in the PBA's latest batch of sportscasters, Paolo Trillo gets his own share of fans – maybe a whole truckload more than the best players. After all, the tall, dapper and eloquent looker has proven his worth in the playing field.

Counting himself as one of those few lucky guys who are less prone to facial problems, Paolo swears by the skin-saving value of exercise and a healthy diet.

"I swear, I've never gone to a dermatologist", he claims. "I'm just a regular soap and water guy. But I still pamper myself with Clarins' Shaving cream, Aftershave and Facial Wash."

GLENN SOCO
Cebu-based Glenn Soco is the man behind Coffee Dreams – an upscale coffee shop chain that started out in Cebu and eventually branched out in Cagayan de Oro and Davao.

Asked if he's vain, Glenn quickly retorts, "All men are!" And as evinced from his healthy tan, he says, "I hardly even use sunblock. I'd only use it when my girlfriend would remind me."

From the exhaustive list of his outdoor passions – such as volleyball, skiing, swimming and even golf - it looks like Glenn had better start stocking up on sunblock, and other skin care stuff as well.

"I believe healthy skin comes naturally with a healthy lifestyle," he ponders. "I don't smoke, I watch my diet, and I get by with adequate help from the Clarins Men skin care line."

ROBERT DUAT
One look at Robert Duat's towering frame and you know he's got more than what it takes to make it in the local league. Currently playing for the Alaska Aces, the 27-year-old beefcake got a headstart during his eventful stint in the PBL, and eventually moved on to joining the Cebu Jets in '98.

Though he's used moisturizers back in the States ('because it was so cold and my skin dries up'), Robert isn't really too fussy about his skin care needs. "I use sunblock when I go to the beach, a little baby cologne every now and then," he adds.

"Before, I used to marvel at how all these women could keep up with their skin care rituals," he chuckles. "But now that I've tried the Clarins Men's line, such as the moisturizer, shampoo and face wash, I understand where they're coming from. They really do wonders for your skin!"

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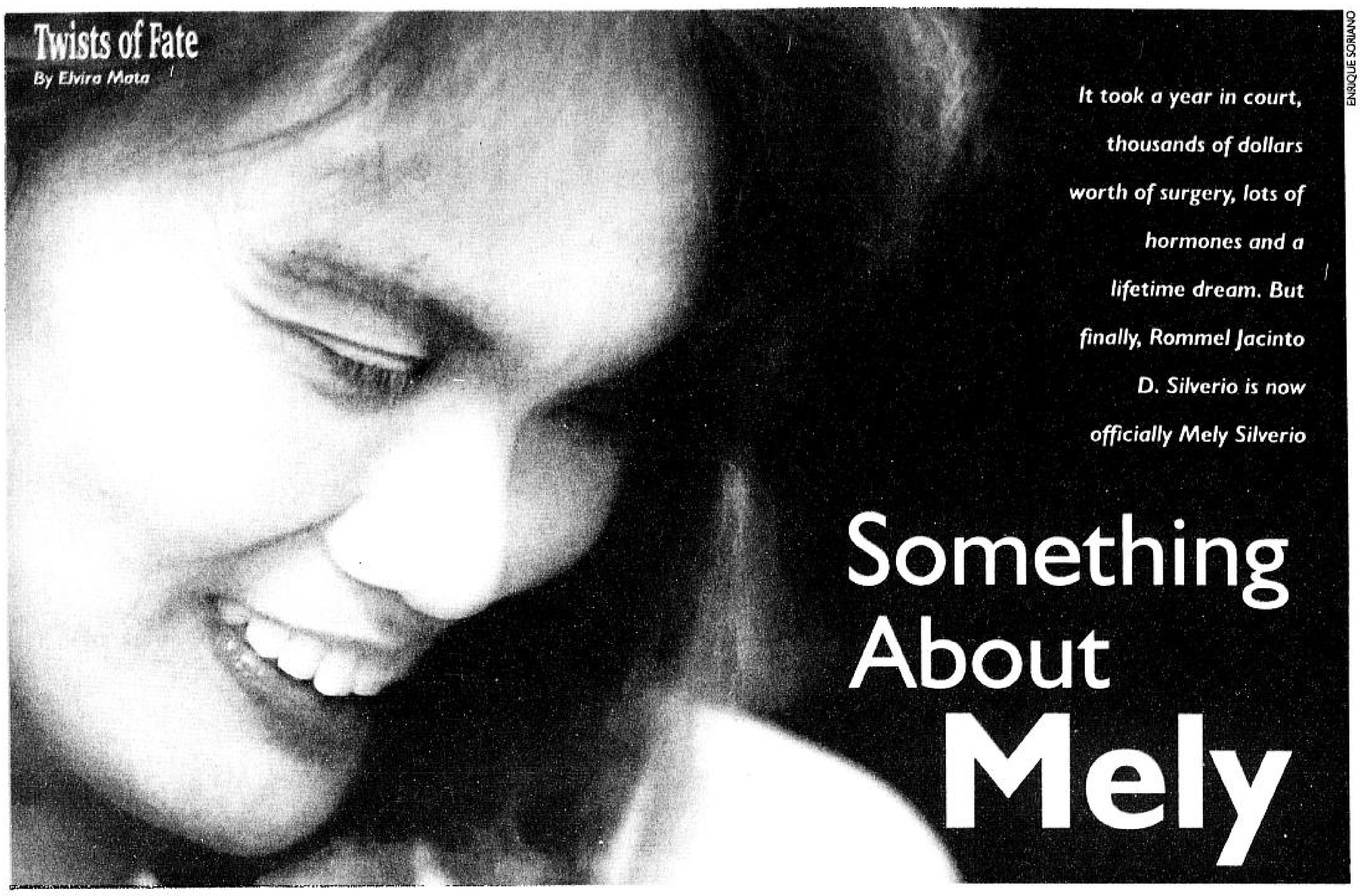


ENRIQUE SORIANO

Twists of Fate

By Elvira Mata

It took a year in court, thousands of dollars worth of surgery, lots of hormones and a lifetime dream. But finally, Rommel Jacinto D. Silverio is now officially Mely Silverio

Something About Mely

WITH her dusky looks, soft brown hair, ample bosom and long slim legs, Mely D. Silverio looks every inch a woman. Last month, Judge Felixberto Olalia of Branch 8 of the Manila Regional Trial Court ruled that she is.

"I can marry as a woman and even adopt kids," says Mely Silverio, 41, who was born Rommel Jacinto D. Silverio but decided to have sex reassignment surgery (SRS) two years ago in Bangkok, Thailand.

Last year, she hired topnotch lawyer Benito Cuesta to ask the courts to change her name and her gender. The petition was approved in late July, and for all intents and purposes, Mely is now a woman.

Now hear her roar: "I worked so hard for this. My life can go on. *Para akong natanggalan ng malaking kaban ng bigas sa likod* (It was like a load was lifted off my back)," she says.

Mely is a transgender, a person whose appearance and other characteristics may not be traditionally associated with one's sex at birth. "I am working on my papers so they can be with congruence with who I am now," she says.

The road to becoming a woman has not been easy. Mely, a native of Isabela, remembers her early life as Rommel. "I grew up with my mom and my *lola* (grandmother). I loved to watch my mom put on makeup. One time, she caught me putting foundation on my face. She was so mad! At the playground, all the other boys would be climbing the monkey bars and I would be on the swing. I had a playmate named Eleanor who would push my swing higher and higher and it felt so good. At that age, I knew I was different," she recalls.

When Rommel reached dating age, his mom, ever hopeful, found girls for him to take out.

"I would convince the girl to pretend to go out with me and then we would go our separate ways. It made my mother happy. But at that time, I was already attracted to boys," Mely recalls.

Her parents were stricter with her than with her younger sister, Noreen, and brother Ronald, who are both heterosexuals. "If I made a minor infraction, it was turned into a major crime because I happen to be gay," she says.

Her saving grace was that she had good grades, a big comfort to her mother who worried about her chances of finding true love as a homosexual. She knew that, being a good student, Mely would be successful in life.

Mely is an East-West Center grantee and holds a Ph. D. and an MA in sociology from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. She has an MA in Demography and a BS in Statistics, both from UP Diliman. A professorial lecturer in social statistics at the sociology department of UP Diliman, she also teaches research methods at the De La Salle University in Manila.

When Mely turned 34, she decided to make major changes in her life. "I was a 235-lb. student in Hawaii who was on the verge of getting a heart attack or becoming diabetic. I went on a diet and lost 60 pounds in two months. When I was down to 140 lbs., which is ideal for my height of 5'8," I looked really good. At about this time, I met a pre-op transsexual Filipina, who introduced me to her friends who were pre-op and post-op trans. Getting to know them rekindled my desire to be a woman," she says.

Adds Mely: "I am your classic 'woman trapped in a man's body.' I wanted to have the complete anatomy of a woman, short of child-bearing. Of course, not all homosexuals want to have surgery. Some are perfectly happy with their bodies. But many of us would like to be women but do not have the means or the know-how to go about it."

A male-to-female transgender will undergo hormone regimens, breast augmentation and vaginoplasty surgery. Hormone therapies can range from $560 to $900 for one year. Breast implants can cost between $3,000 and $5,000. Laser treatments, which destroy the hair follicles on the face, run to about $6,000. The cost of sexual reassignment surgery, which creates female genitalia, ranges from $5,000 in Thailand to $25,000 in the United States.

It was a difficult decision to make, both financially and morally, Mely admits. "I am Catholic so I had to make peace with my God," she says. "It was also a decision I had to share with my family. My brother and my sister are the two most important people in my life ever since my parents passed away."

Mely started her hormone therapy in 1996 and at the same time, went for counseling. Before she went for surgery five years later, she presented three letters: one from her doctor who supervised her hormone therapy, one from a doctor at the University of Hawaii health services and one from a sexologist. "They all attested that I was a good candidate for sex reassignment. Meaning, I am not going to change my mind after surgery," she reveals.

In July 1999, she met her American boyfriend, whose name she prefers to keep a secret. "Let's just call him C," she giggles. "He's from California but we met in Hawaii. He says he loves all of me—Mely slash Rommel. We've gone on trips and even went on a cruise together. He helped me financially with the surgery. He has visited me three times since I came back to Manila two years ago. He sends me *balikbayan* boxes of canned goods, coffee, juice, dog food for Mik-mik and cat food for Mak-mak," she says. Best of all, he calls Mely every night at 10 p.m.

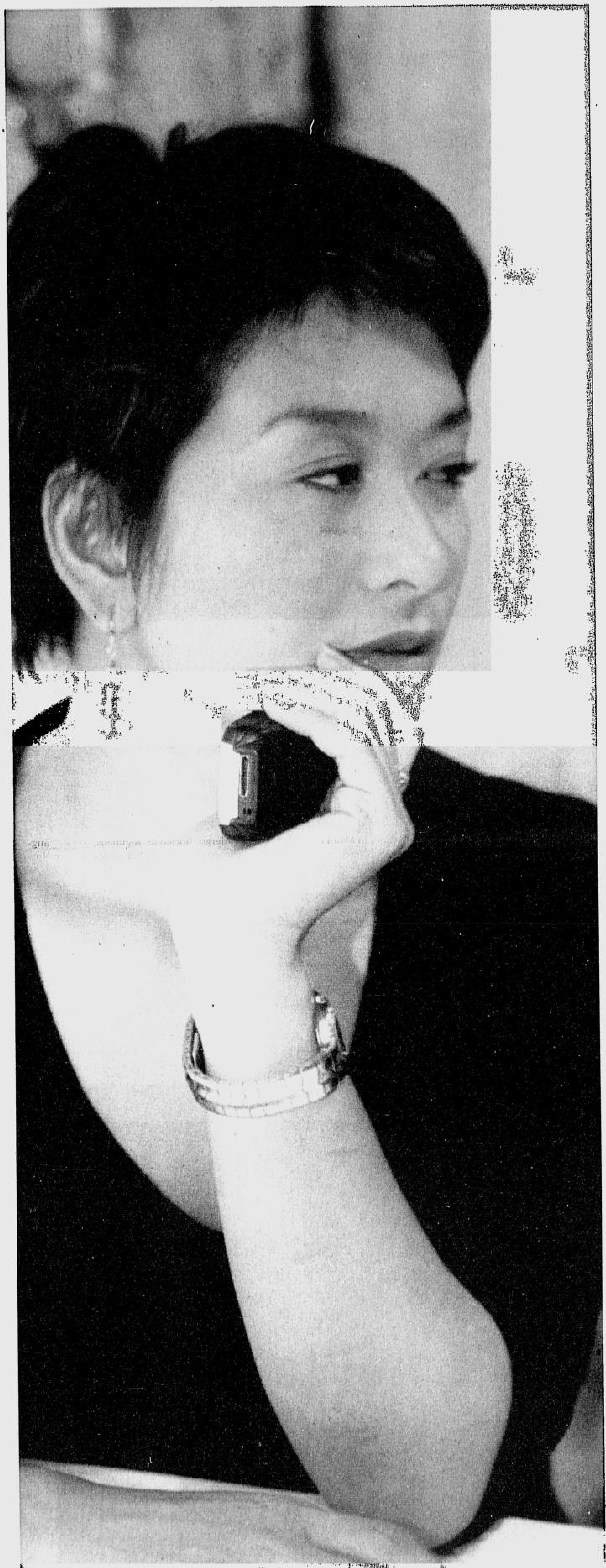
"That's around 7 a.m. in California. He calls me first thing in the morning or before he goes to work," says this woman, who is deeply in love.

Does she need anything else to feel complete as a woman?

"Well, I already have 50 pairs of shoes," she giggles again. "Like any respectable woman, I'm hoping C will pop the question."

Dr. Mely D. Silverio is the local coordinator of the transgender membership for the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA), which will hold its 22nd world conference in Manila in November. For more information, call the secretariat at 891-1227.

On the verge of a heart attack, left, as 235-lb. Rommel; below, as svelte and self-assured Mely



Ces Drilon:

One Intrepid Journalist Uses One Amazing Phone

"Higher technology like the SMART Amazing Phone will make reporting so much easier, there will be more possibilities. It allows a reporter to work alone now; before, I would be useless without a cameraman."

Without makeup , Ces Drilon looks a good ten years younger. And so it is doubly surprising to talk with her, to be disarmed by her easy, warm manner, and at another turn to be made privy to her deep political and social secrets. She has the insight and erudition of a senior statesman, while cherishing the light of a fresh idealist.

She apologizes profusely for not wearing "her face" as some in the biz would term the standard visage prepped for public consumption. Actually, it turns out to be a relief for all of us at the table, and makes for a more candid discussion on the current issues at large.

News Hound

"No day is the same in this job," she says, "you meet people from all walks of life, from the corridors of power to the most remote areas." Well traveled and battle seasoned, Ces is a fixture in both breaking news and features, having run the gamut of reportage on ABS/CBN and ANC from TV Patrol, The World Tonight, to her popular profile series on the shapers of today's news, Pipol. She is also a director of ABS/CBN Business News and hosts the entrepeneurship series Usapang Business.

More recently Ces was front and center to the recent Makati mutiny crisis which struck and ebbed so suddenly that some news agencies were caught napping. For all the hordes of reporters at the scene, not one source of live video was widely available. Live audio was at best, intermittent. Ces, however held a miracle in her hand.

"I had just gotten my SMART Amazing Phone and it was all I had to rely on (to bring an audio feed to ABS CBN News)," she recounts that day with vivid detail, "I just held it in the air hoping to catch their voices. I asked the anchors several times if they could hear everything clearly."

Amazing Technology

Actually, the entire nation heard everything loud and clear through Ces' SMART Amazing Phone. "I forgot to bring the camera and sayang I could have taken a video and emailed it," Ces muses while now examining the Amazing Phone's other capabilities both large and small.

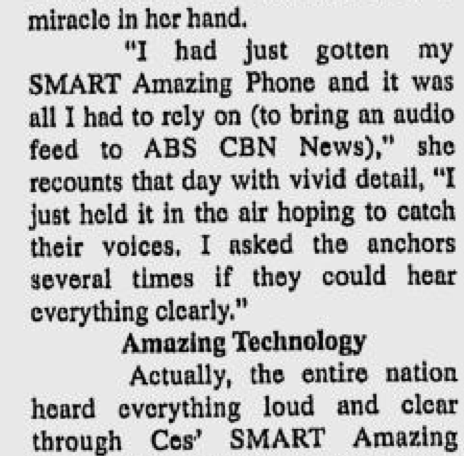
She marvels at its Active Sync feature, allowing her to coordinate her schedules and contacts on Microsoft Outlook. She is wowed as its Internet Explorer browser logs on to Yahoo, or just plain giggly at its Aquarium Screensaver. "It's sooo cute," she says to the image of corals and tropical fish onscreen. The SMART Amazing Phone is an idea so fresh and new that people are just now starting to appreciate its true capabilities, let alone its implications for society.

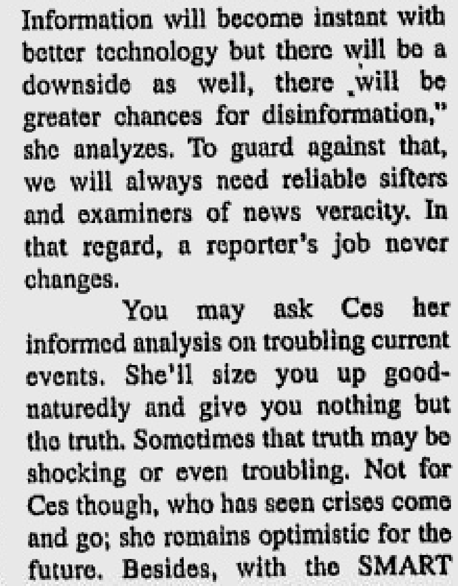
"Technology does have an impact on the nature of news reporting. We saw this happen in the Iraq War." Embedded journalists and their video phones sending us satellite images of tanks rushing through deserts was a techno milestone. "Higher technology like the SMART Amazing Phone will make reporting so much easier, there will be more possibilities. It allows a reporter to work alone now; before, I would be useless without a cameraman."

More to Come

And it also means information will move at even greater speeds as in the case of the SMART Amazing Phone which gives you an internet connection anywhere you go. "News is vital to modern society. Information will become instant with better technology but there will be a downside as well, there will be greater chances for disinformation," she analyzes. To guard against that, we will always need reliable sifters and examiners of news veracity. In that regard, a reporter's job never changes.

You may ask Ces her informed analysis on troubling current events. She'll size you up good-naturedly and give you nothing but the truth. Sometimes that truth may be shocking or even troubling. Not for Ces though, who has seen crises come and go; she remains optimistic for the future. Besides, with the SMART Amazing Phone, she's keeping a miracle in hand.





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Music Makers

By [illegible] S. Caruncho

Chill Doctors

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ROMY HOMILLADA

Their music is just what the MD ordered for stressed-out urban dwellers. Take it from a surgeon and his comrades, who spin laid-back tunes as the DJ collective known as Couchlab

Cool dudes: Juno Oebanda, Joseph Alturas and Gerard Henson

THERE'S a chill in the air, and it's not because of the rain.

Friday night in Tiananmen, a cozy Chinese restaurant in Makati Ave. It's way past dinner time, but the patrons haven't gotten up to leave. They're sitting back, content, enjoying a post-prandial brain massage courtesy of Couchlab. The laid-back beats and soothing wash of ambient electronic sounds, occasionally humanized by a chorus of ethereal, otherworldly voices are instantly effective: muscles relax, the brain enters the serene Alpha state, and the body's natural feel-good chemicals kick in.

Welcome to what, for want of a better label, we'll call the chill-out scene. Chill-out is an offshoot of the electronic dance music scene, but it's dance music for people who prefer to dance inside their heads.

Drawing from such diverse sources as lounge jazz, easy listening, ambient electronica, the drugged-out beats of trip-hop, and the more ethereal side of rock, chill-out isn't so much a genre as an effect.

"Any kind of music can be chill-out as long as it relaxes you," says Gerard Henson, who is one-third of the DJ collective known as Couchlab. "It's an attitude."

In short, it's just what the doctor ordered for stressed-out urban dwellers, which is kind of appropriate since Henson is a doctor—a general surgeon at Makati Medical Center, to be exact. But after a full day of lancing boils, excising cysts and taking out appendices, Henson decompresses by manning the decks with his cohorts at Couchlab.

"This is my therapy," he says. "I have to have this at least once a week."

Like many DJs, Henson got his start in the '80s during the heyday of the New Wave, when disc jockeys with mobile sound systems—"mobiles"—spun the latest records at dance parties. Together with some high school friends, Henson put up a mobile and took his turn at the decks. In fact, he still waxes nostalgic about the good old days of vinyl. Today's high-tech mixers with built-in digital effects, stored samples and CD players make spinning a no-brainer. For Henson, it's not quite as much fun as manipulating two copies of a 12-inch single to get mind-blowing echo and flange effects.

Henson quit DJing to concentrate on med school, but he remained an obsessive music collector. Two years ago, he discovered the chill-out scene and rekindled his love for the decks.

Joseph Alturas, another third of Couchlab, has been DJing since, believe it or not, the fourth grade. Like Henson, he learned to spin by hanging around mobiles, watching the DJs and picking up the skills. Until recently, he was the full-time store DJ at Music One. He still spins at least four or five times a week, not just at Wasabi but in Shiraz and other hot spots around town.

The art of DJing, says Alturas, is all about planning each set carefully, so the music takes the listener where the DJ wants him to go. Here he takes his cues from such legendary names as Jose Padilla and Bruno Lepretre, the house DJs at Ibiza's Café del Mar which is to the chill-out scene what Mecca is to Muslims.

So into music is Alturas that at times, he finds silence unnerving. Even after a full day of spinning, he confesses, he still puts a CD on when he gets home at night—something low and ambient.

The third member of Couchlab, Juno Oebanda, is a live events director most of the time. "I just moonlight as a DJ, this is not work for me," he says. Like the others in Couchlab, Oebanda's DJing grew out of his obsessive music collecting, although he was in a rock band in a past life, and even has a guitar tattoo to prove it. But now, chill-out is his life, though he admits that he's becoming uncomfortable with the term.

"We're trying to veer away from that 'chill-out' box," he says. "It's too limiting."

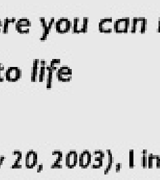
In fact, there has been an explosion of chill-out of late, thanks to the popularity of the "Café del Mar" series and similar lounge compilations. Check out the "dance" section in any upscale music store and fully half the shelves are stocked with chill-out titles. In fact, it seems to be edging out New Age and "smooth" jazz as the mellow music of choice for people who are just too pooped to party and would rather sink into a couch at the end of the day and vegetate. At best, it extends the immersive experiments of musical mavericks from Debussy to Brian Eno. At worst, it's no more than muzak, lobotomy music for the brain dead.

Oebanda admits that the growing popularity of the genre is largely due to the fact that "it's easy to digest, and not very demanding." One of Couchlab's aims, he adds, is to avoid this stylistic cul-de-sac by making their sets more eclectic and inclusive. The DJs spice up the mix by throwing in left-field choices, such as bossa nova, '70s jazz and soul nuggets, ethereal pop, the jazzier end of drum and bass, and even some low BPM house.

In the end, it's not the kind of music, but where it takes you that matters.

The Word

By Fr. Ruben J. Villote



More About Shepherd's Place

It's a quiet venue where you can be by yourself and say 'thank you' and 'yes' to life

Chapel at Shepherd's Place

A month ago *(SIM, July 20, 2003)*, I invited my readers "to come away to Shepherd's Place, all by themselves, and rest for a while" (Mk. 6:31). The invitation generated an excited line of callers inquiring about the place.

Questions most often asked:

1. What does Shepherd's Place (SP) offer?

SP simply offers a quiet venue where you can be by yourself—to rest, meditate, pray, affirm-forgive-and-befriend yourself, heal your wounds, shake away your stress—and say "thank you" and "yes" to life. No frills, no specific retreat agenda, but you (or your group) are advised to bring your own retreat program and retreat master.

2. How long can one stay at SP?

6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Overnight stay is generally not advised, but may be arranged on a case-to-case basis.

3. What is the capacity of the place?

Maximum of 20 persons

4. Who are allowed to avail themselves of the place?

Every man and woman of goodwill including non-Catholics and NGOs. And their responsible leaders, of course.

5. How much does it charge?

Voluntary contribution/donation according to one's conscience, common sense and generosity.

6. How does one make reservations?

Through a personal visit to our homebase address: Center For Migrant Youth, 103 Cordillera Street, SMH, Quezon City, every Sunday after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. No rfeservations by phone please.

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Every fifth Sunday of the month, our CMY community on Cordillera Street journeys to Shepherd's Place in Dasmariñas, Cavite for Holy Mass and table fellowship. This month (August 31), we'll be there again for Eucharist at 10 a.m. Meet us there. Bring something for the table and let us pray for good weather.

Art

Alliance Française de Manille together with Galleria Duemila, Inc., presents **"Beyond Filipino,"** an exhibit by painter and sculptor **Roberto Marcelo Afable Robles.** Robles' "Beyond Filipino" series of small-scale paper sculptures represents a transition in the artist's experimentation with materials such as cardboard corrugated board, masking tape, jute strips and industrial paint. Exhibit runs until September 26. For inquiries, call 895-7585/895-7441 or visit www.alliance.ph or www.galleriaduemila.com.

Artist Briccio Santos

Artist, poet and film-maker **Briccio Santos** presents his latest solo exhibition entitled **"Telos"** at the newly inaugurated Mag:net Gallery at the Paseo Center, Paseo de Roxas corner Cedeno St., Makati. The exhibit features a series of large and small-scale mixed media works alternately produced during the artist's travels to Paris, New York and the Philippines. Viewing date is until September 9. For more information, call Riza at 817-7895 or email magnet@info.com.ph.

Ramoncito Ocampo Cruz holds a second one-man painting exhibit entitled **"Passage"** on August 24 at The Crucible Gallery, 4F Bldg A SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. For inquiries, call 635-6061.

"Hawkers, Hookers, Peddlers and Pimps," pen and ink drawings by Raul Agner, on view at The Drawing Room until August 27. For inquiries, visit The Drawing Room at the GF Metropolitan Avenue, Makati . call 897-7877/897-6990 or email drawings@info.com.ph.

Music

"BAND-ing sa Riverbanks," a free marathon concert presented by the Campus Ministry of the Ministry for Youth Affairs of the Archdiocese of Manila in celebration of its 25th year anniversary will be held on September 13 at the Ampitheater, Riverbanks Center, Marikina. The concert will showcase 12 of the most genre-diverse and creative entries chosen from among thousands of submissions. For more information, call the *BAND-ing sa Riverbanks* Secretariat, Campus Ministry, Ministry for Youth Affairs at 531-7034/531-7069/735-3390.

Band Breakout 2003, Monster Radio RX 93.1's band artist hunt is a search for unsigned new bands who have the potential to make vital contributions to Philippine popular music. The competition is open to all bands unsigned to any record label as of June 2003. Bands must consist of at least three members (two members should be instrument players), aged 25 or below. Interested bands may bring their entries to RX 93.1, 17th floor, Strata 2000, Emerald Avenue, Ortigas Center, Pasig City or contact Lally Fider at lally@rx931.com. Bands in Cebu and the Southern provinces may also submit their entries to Monster Radio DYBT 105.9 at the 10th floor, Centerpoint Hotel, LUYM Building, Plaridel St., corner Osmena Blvd., Cebu City. Deadline for submission of entries is August 31.

Concert at the Park features the **UP Staff Chorale** with conductor Chris M. Reyes. For queries, call the Arts and Cultural Division of the National Parks Development Committee at 526-8163/302-7374.

Joey Ayala and Friends perform live on August 30 at the Pueblo Pilipino, VPY Clamshell Tent, Anda cor. Sta. Lucia Sts., Intramuros, Manila. Performances start at 6 p.m. Admission is free.

The PWU College of Music, MCO Foundation and Equitable PCI Bank present a **Kasilag Piano Festival** featuring the complete solo piano music of National Artist for Music, Dr. Lucrecia "Tita King" Kasilag on August 30, 7 p.m. at Equitable PCI Bank's Francisco Santiago Hall, Makati Avenue. The concert will also feature pianists from Philippine Women's University, Santa Isabel College, Adventist University of the Philippines and Ateneo de Manila University. Admission is free. For queries, call 813-3849.

"Treasures from the Dusty Attic," a Clarion Chamber Ensemble features pianist Rudolf Golez. Golez will be heard in the virtuoso " Quintet" of Conradin Kreutzer which includes flute, clarinet, viola and cello. Tickets are available at all Ticket World outlets in Metro Manila. For inquiries, call 844-4172/631-9367.

Tuba player Jose Jasper Clarito Andra will enthrall audiences with his music in the **2003 Filipino Artist Series II** on August 26, 7:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines' Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino. Tickets are priced at P350. For inquiries, contact the CCP Marketing Department at 551-7930/832-1125 local 1800-1806.

Onstage

***Rakugo* in English** (A Japanese Sit-down Comedy) presented by the Japan Foundation Manila Office in cooperation with the Cultural Center of the Philippines will be shown on August 27, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the CAP Bldg., Osmeña Blvd., Cebu City, on August 29, 7 pm. at the UP Diliman Faculty Center and on August 30, 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the CCP Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino. For more information, call The Japan Foundation at 811-6155 to 58.

Koiné Theater Foundation continues the staging of its longest running Palanca award winning play entitled **SUBTEXT** by Niel de Mesa about love and managing relationships through healthy communication via text messaging. Viewing schedule is on August 30 to September 5, 6, 12, 13, 7:30 pm. at the One Acts Theater at 2/F FORAB Bldg. 121 Kamuning Rd., QC. For ticket reservations, call 410-4485.

The **UP Repertory Company** will perform ten of Adarna House's newest children stories at the Adarna book launch to be held on August 30 at 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Function Room A, Megatrade Hall, SM Megamall. For queries, call Adarna House, Inc and look for Xavier or Aneka at 372-3548.

Improv Night with the Philippine Playhouse features a night of spontaneous comedy and drama, sketches, rap, poetry and songs on a topic suggested by the audience on August 29, 8:30 p.m. at the ACCM poolside at the Asian Institute of Management, 123 Paseo De Roxas, Legaspi Village, Makati. Improv Night is directed by Ana Valdes-Lim. For inquiries, call the Philippine Playhouse at 879-8230/0917-8998158.

Improv Night actors: (From left to right) Randy Villarama, Mailes Kanapi and Paolo O' Hara

Cinema

Y Tu Mama Tamblen (And Your Mother Also) directed by Alfonso Cuaron will be shown on August 27, 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Dream Theater. For CCP @ Dream Channel schedule, call 918-8000. For other inquiries, call the CCP Film Division at 832-1125 local 1704-1705.

Eiga Sai 2003: The Kitano Selection and Films from the ASEAN presented by the Japan Foundation Manila Office will have an invitational premiere screening on September 2 at The Podium, Ortigas Center, Mandaluyong City. The much-awaited film festival features multi-awardedactor-director Takehi Kitano. Screening schedules are on September 3 to 7 at SM Cinema, September 8 to 12 at the UP Film Center and September 30 to October 3 at the Dream Theater, Cultural Center of the Philippines. For inquiries, call 811-6155 to 58 or email email@njfmo.org.ph or visit www.jfmo.org.ph.

Yalumba Oxford Landing Chardonnay and Shiraz at the Peninsula Manila

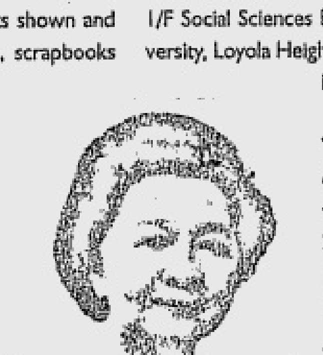
Food

The Peninsula Manila's Wine for the Month of August is the **Yalumba, Oxford Landing**. Yalumba, Oxford Landing Shiraz, 2001 and Yalumba, Oxford landing Chardonay, 2002 are available at the Peninsula Exclusivités at P698+ per bottle. A wine tasting of the featured Wines of the Month are held every Thursday, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Peninsula Exclusivités. For inquiries, call The Peninsula Manila at 887-2888.

Atbp

Art is-Kool, a TV art workshop produced by Probe Productions Inc. holds its very first art exhibit. The exhibit features the actual projects shown and made on TV—from puppets, mobiles, scrapbooks and Kuya Robert's (the program's host) versions of stained glass art and anything that may be recycled and turned into an artwork. The exhibit is on view at the Cafe Papemelroti at 91 Roces Ave. corner Scout Tobias, Quezon City. For particulars, call 372-6799.

"Louas/Luwas": The National Artists Exhibit features personal effects, costumes, trophies and other memorabilia of Atang dela Rama, Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero, Daisy Avellana, Severino Montano and Salvador Bernal. The exhibit is on display at the NCCA Gallery this whole month of August. For inquiries, call Ms. Frances Alincastre or Ms. Marithel Cura at 527-2192 local 508-509 or 527-2209.



National Artist for Music, Dr. Lucrecia "Tita King" Kasilag in her younger days

Shantha Sinha will hold a lecture dubbed **"Promoting the Child's Right to a Real Childhood"** as part of the 2003 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees' Lecture Series on August 29 at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the RM Hall of the Ramon Magsaysay Center, 1680 Roxas Boulevard, Manila. For registration, call 521-3166 to 85 local 196 or 139 or email vmercado@rmaf.org.ph.

"Sleepless in Manila: Funny Essays, Etc., on Insomnia by Insomniacs" will be launched on August 25 at 6 p.m. at the Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman. The book contains essays and poems by Jose Wendell Capili, Vincent Garcia Groyon, Criselda Yabes, Krip Yuson and many others. Sleepless in Manila is produced by Milflores Publishing and edited by Christina Pantoja Hidalgo. I

"Parenting 101," a talk on parenthood will be held on August 29 to 31at 10 a.m. at the Expo Exchange, Greenbelt 1. Guest speakers includes Sandy Prieto-Romualdez, Karen Davila, Cyndy Jarabata, Cynthia Fernandez and Dra. Luisa Peralta.

Urban Spa, located at Level 5 Wellness Zone, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, will have a month long anniversary celebration starting September 1, Urban Spa will be giving away 15% discount through flyers to the first 250 clients. For more details, call 687-6195 to 96 or text 0917-8918195.

"Save Our Seas," a marine conservation exhibit by WWF Philippines, HSBC and Ayala Land Inc. is on display at the Alabang Town Center on August 25 until August 31. The exhibit showcases five of the Philippines' endangered marine species: *dugong, pawikan, butanding*, dolphins and humpback whales. For inquiries, call 830-5300.

2003 Candle Design Awards, a candle-making competition is now open to all hobbyists, candle makers and manufacturers all over the country. Final judgment will be on November 29 at the Araneta Center Trade Hall. For details, call 820-7879 or 09205578561.

"Lamaze: Kung Paano Dapat Manganak ang Babae," a book by by Gamay Arkoncel-Dacanay will be launched on September 1, 6:30 p.m. at Alliance Française, 209 Nicanor Garcia St., Bel-Air 2, Makati. The book will be launched alongside the dance premiere of ***"Kahanga-hanga ang Maging Babae."*** For inquiries call 895-5785.

A *Falun Dafa* workshop will be held on September 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Philippine Cooperative Center, 90 Balete Drive Extension, near corner E. Rodriguez Ave., QC. Lessons are also held every Sunday, 7 a.m. at the QC Circle. *Falun Dafa* is an ancient Chinese cultivation practice with five gentle *qigong* exercises and meditation. Lessons are free of charge. For inquiries, call 0919-4047829 or 0916-4334988.

KUTING (Kuwentista ng mga Tsikiting), an organization of Filipino writers for children, is inviting all writers 18 years and above interested in writing for children to apply for membership. The ***Kuting* Orientation Seminar** will be held on September 20, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Conference Rooms 1 and 2, 1/F Social Sciences Building, Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, QC. For inquiries, email kutingmail@yahoo.com.

The Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs will conducts **annual interactive workshops**, science camps, leadership trainings and field trips that is in line with the promotion of science and technology and the environment. Deadline forapplication is on September 30. For details, visit PSYC at 7B Esteban Abada St., Loyola Heights, QC or contact 920-8174 or 920-9561 or email psyc_inc@hotmail.com.

The second Grand Alumni Homecoming of **Kamuning Elementary School** (KES) in Kamuning, Q.C. will be held on March 27, 2004 at the KES Campus, Scout Torillo, Kamuning-Diliman, Quezon City. For inquiries, call Grace Villanueva at 09194621555/412-9470 or Corazon Navea-Cano at 09178437161/434-2057 or visit http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kes64.

"Kapit Sining...Makilahok sa Malikhaing Sambayanan," the theme of the upcoming 2004 National Arts Month. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) allows project proposals in the fields of architecture, cinema, dance, literature, music, theater and the visual arts. Proposed projects should promote or highlight local culture and must employ local cultural forms and themes. Only one proposal will be accepted from each organization or individual. The deadline for submission of applications is on September 30. For more information, visit the NCCA website at ncca.gov.ph or call Frances Alincastre at 527-2192 local 508 or 527-2209 or email info@ncca.gov.ph.

X-manila

Papier mache workshop@Museo De La Salle, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas. The workshop will provide the participants with the know-how on creating artistic and functional items using paper such as boxes and sculptures. For inquiries, call Cecille T. Gelicame at (046) 416-4531 local 3151/(046) 416-4397/(02) 844-7832 or email museoctg@dasma.dlsu.edu.ph.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

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- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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By Jess Abrera

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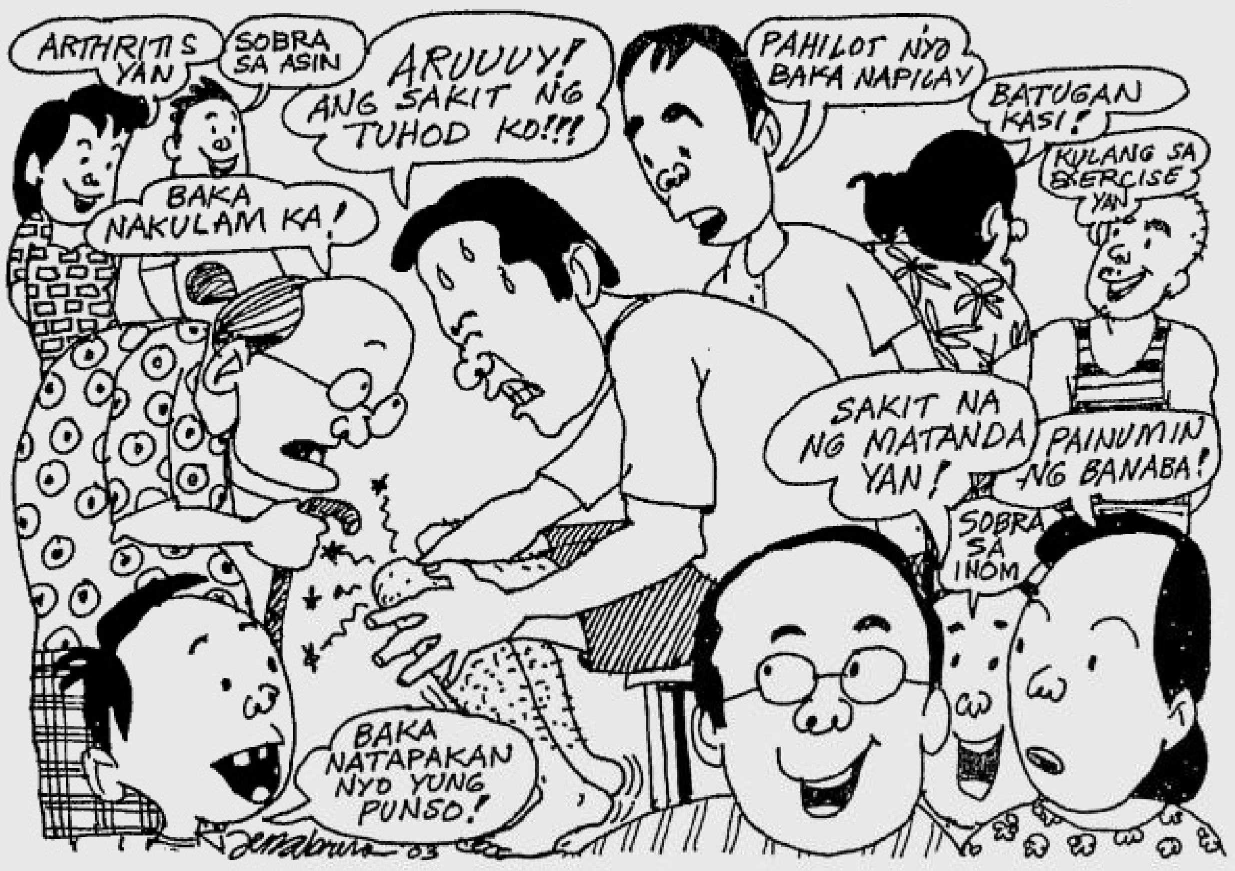
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Musician

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was too easy—but who the pianist, flutist or cellist was, rendering the piece.

"And after dinner at night, especially on weekends, Dad would ask us, his children, to join an impromptu musical ensemble. We produced music either by tapping the table with our hands, or striking another object with the fork, at different beats and with him as the conductor. This, even when we had guests for dinner."

Having Maceda for a father also meant frequent travels abroad for his children whenever the professor received research grants. "We've gone to a lot of places abroad, including Brazil where we learned a little Portuguese, and Disneyland where Kate, who was only 4 at the time, got lost because she followed the wrong pair of pants."

But while Maceda tutored his children in math, played touch ball with them and picked them up after parties, it was his wife who gave them piano lessons, "although I was there to listen and encourage," the professor adds.

He wasn't an overly protective father, Marion says, recalling her activist days in high school. Says Maceda, "We became worried when we saw her in the front page of a newspaper while demonstrating at the Constitutional Convention, but I myself was against the dictatorship," he says, referring to martial law.

At the same time, Marion points out, "Dad was considered a rebel too in the sense that his music was different."

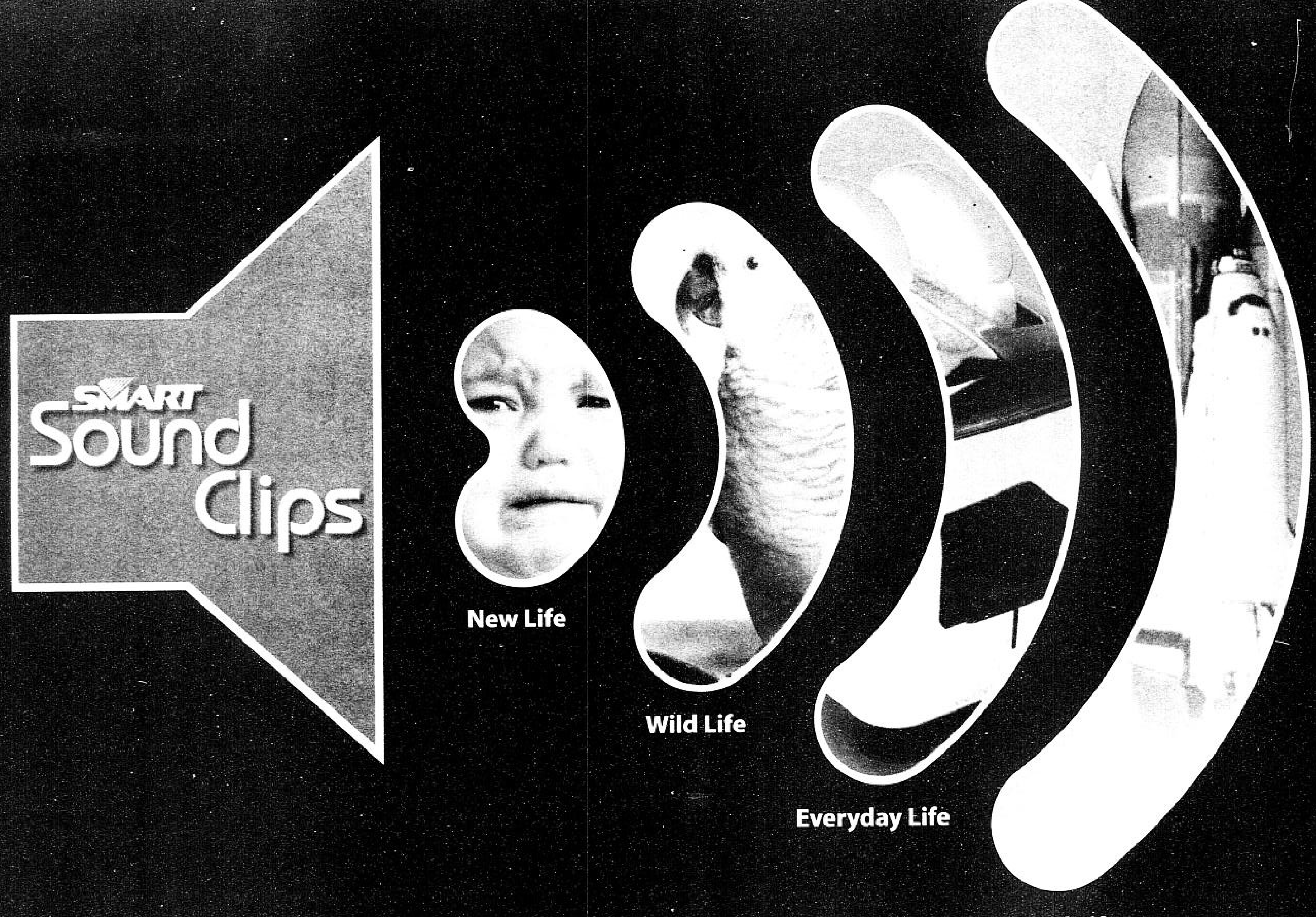
To the relief of her parents who worried that she might drop out of college and join the underground leftist movement, Marion went on to finish her course and found a good job. On certain nights, though, she sang in supper clubs as part of the group that was then known as Degrees of Freedom. It later became the Music Making Company.

Even as the professor takes inordinate pride in his children's choices, he is as proud of other musicians who, he believes, he has inspired to follow in his trail. They include ethnomusicologists like Ramon Santos, Chino Toledo, Jojo Buenconsejo, Jonas Baes and (Ben) de la Peña who, at various times, have beaten a path to the Maceda home. Like the Maceda daughters, they also joined the impromptu musical ensembles of forks, spoons and plates, along with an assortment of ethnic instruments strewn about the house.

At his age, the professor can afford to take it easy. But the National Artist has not stopped dreaming, working, and learning. He's wired, too, using the Net for his researches and papers. Maceda also continues to espouse the cause of music education.

"The Philippines should experience the culture and music of our neighboring Asian countries," he says. "The music conservatories should gradually introduce the teaching of this kind of music as well as of other Asian languages."

It can be quite difficult, Maceda admits, but he remains undaunted. After all, his research has brought him to the wilderness of the Philippines and beyond, and he has always come back with new findings, new knowledge and a new understanding of himself and others.



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